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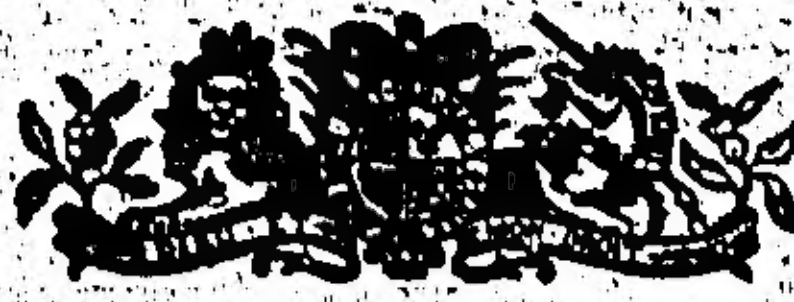
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Vietnam Enigma

VIETNAM is at this moment giving other countries in Asia an object lesson in the difficulties and dangers of trying to build a democratic society in an unstable, strained and troubled environment.

Premier Ngo Dinh Diem enjoys a fair measure of personal popularity among the people of the country. His fervent nationalism has never been questioned by any section outside the Communist-controlled zones, inside of which he is of course anathema because he is not a Communist. He has set his face against malpractices and initiated fresh endeavours for land reform. It is his friendship with the United States which has aroused the ire and opposition of the so-called religious sects of Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen, which, with their private armies, now threaten the internal security of South Vietnam.

The tragedy of the present situation is that the vast majority, if not all of the disputants have the same ultimate end in view. All are Nationalists. All are fiercely determined that having won independence from France, their country shall not fall under either direct control or undue influence of other alien forces. Where the religious sects differ from Ngo Dinh Diem, and at times from each other, is in the best means to attain and maintain their common ends.

Their differences are of the same types as are commonly encountered even on the long established democracies. Each believes that he and his friends have the right answer to the country's problems and seeks to secure wider public support and control of the machinery of government.

In one sense the Vietnamese instinct is accurate. It is of the essence of true democracy that there should be general acceptance that all wisdom does not reside in any one group or party, and that the people should be free to choose between divergent or even diametrically opposed policies.

If means could be found of isolating a country completely from outside influences, of providing for the smooth functioning of the administration, and of ensuring a flourishing economy in the interim, it would doubtless be best that all factions should keep up a wordy strife until the populace could make a final decision. As things are that is impossible. External pressure is heavy. The administration is inexperienced and confronted with tasks that would test the most seasoned of administrators. And the immediate and growing danger is that the warring sects are liable to deteriorate into violence from which the only gainers must be the very forces to which all the disputants are hotly opposed.

PREMIER Ngo Dinh Diem is fully alive to the perils of the current situation, and is apparently willing to engage in a test of political and military strength. Less certain is the determination of the religious sects to pursue their threats of military action. In the chaotic conditions of recent years the sects have tended to develop into what are almost states within a state and to resent the idea of yielding any of their authority.

It is a provocative policy, and it might be as well if the leaders of Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen realised that each is as exposed to danger as the man walking across a busy street and bore in mind the story of the pedestrian who knew his rights upon the public highway: "He was right, dead right, as he walked along, but he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong."

LAST DINNER AS PREMIER

Churchill's Glittering Function At Downing St

Violent Anti-British Campaign In Cyprus

Nicosia, Apr. 4.

Police today uncovered new evidence of the violent anti-British campaign in Cyprus extending to school children and the Cyprus government broadcast an appeal to the public to help them halt the outrages.

The Governor, Sir Robert Amalgam, warned Greek teachers and parents that copies of a secret oath to struggle against the "British yoke" even at the sacrifice of life had been found during recent searches. One arrested student had admitted taking the oath.

Police made raids in many towns and villages today after discovery of an arms cache in the dry well of an empty house at Limassol yesterday.

EXPLOSIVES FOUND
A large quantity of explosives, including ammunition and hand grenades, was found in the well. Police said. Machineguns were also found there, according to unconfirmed reports.

Government buildings and the homes of Britons have been the chief targets of the explosions which began last Friday and in which Molotov cocktails, sticks of dynamite and hand grenades were used.

A total of 18 people, including some students, have now been remanded in custody.

TRIAL ADVANCED
It was announced today that the trial of 13 men charged with promoting civil war in Cyprus, originally fixed for May 17, had been advanced to May 2 and that a special assize would be held at Paphos to try them.

An explosion shook the port of Larnaca, in south Cyprus, tonight.

First reports said a bomb had been thrown at an unidentified Englishman's house, causing slight damage but no casualties.—Reuter.

The 'Diggers'

Adelaide, Apr. 5.

Australia is training troops for war in Malaya not for chasing terrorists, Lieutenant-General Henry Wells, Chief of the Australian General Staff, said here last night.

Consequently Australia's problems would not be the same as those confronting the British in Malaya, he said.

As soon as accommodation was ready, the army would have a steady flow of officers and men training at the jungle warfare school at Canungra, in Queensland, he added.

They will be trained for duty in Malaya under the terms of Australia's new commitments in Southeast Asia announced last week by the Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies.—Reuter.

Took Her Teeth

Moline, Ill., Apr. 4.

A woman urged the police today to find her boy friend who, she said, forced his way into her apartment.

"He took my teeth and I'm hungry," she said.—United Press.

TODAY'S MOMENTOUS EVENTS

London, Apr. 4.

Sir Winston Churchill tonight celebrated what is generally believed to be his last evening as Prime Minister with a glittering banquet to Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A crowd of more than 1,000 lined Downing Street to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive for the banquet.

All the other guests had arrived about 20 minutes earlier.

The Prime Minister, in evening dress with knee breeches and evening pumps, waved in answer to the cheers from the crowd.

The cheers were renewed as the royal couple stepped from their car.

Within 24 hours of this social function at 10 Downing Street, the young Sovereign is expected to receive the 80-year-old statesman's resignation at a formal audience at Buckingham Palace and appoint Sir Anthony Eden as his successor.

Announcement of the changes, probably late on Tuesday evening, will be followed at an early date by a government decision on general election timing—now strongly tipped for May 28.

As the Prime Minister's staff, with many extra helpers, set the stage of tonight's royal dinner, Sir Winston Churchill himself worked a normal day at his desk. He prepared the parting words he intends to deliver to his chief ministers at a Cabinet meeting summoned for tomorrow.

Outside in Downing Street, a large crowd watched the constant coming and going of cars and horses, messengers and staff. A great profusion of flowers of roses, tulips, lilies of the valley and fregias—came from the Prime Minister's own garden and hot houses at Chartwell, Kent.

BUSTLE AT NO. 10
Inside Downing Street all was bustle. Chefs and waiters prepared the food and laid the tables of the beautiful oak paneled dining room with its single scintillating chandelier and its portraits of the Duke of Wellington and Nelson—heroes of the war against Napoleon—looking down from the walls.

The Prime Minister arranged to greet the Queen and her husband at the entrance hall of 10 Downing Street, home of British heads of government for centuries.

A walk through the narrow corridors and up a flight of stairs led to the impressive pillared first floor drawing room where the other guests awaited the arrival of the Sovereign.

Here a large Prime Ministerial desk, set at one end of the room, gave the one suggestion of formality. Cream coloured walls countered the sombre hues of the Persian carpet, and typical examples of the work of Antonio Canaletto (1687-1768) and Francisco Goya (1781-1828) the Venetian painter, lent a spacious quality to the room.

The crystal chandelier set centrally cast a golden gleam on the French period chairs scattered about the room.

KEPT A SECRET
Official sources would not discuss the menu for the royal dinner, or the vintage of the champagne in which the Queen was toasted on the call of her chief minister and very old friend—Sir Winston Churchill.

London, Apr. 4.

Taxation difficulties may force the Duke and Duchess of Bedford to quit their ancestral home, Boburn Abbey, Bedfordshire, and they may live in Jersey for a time.

The Duke of Bedford, whose home will be opened to the public for the first time on Good Friday, said that huge death duties were due after his father's death

two years ago in a shooting accident.

"We are still arguing with the Treasury over death duties," he said. "It looks to be as if we are going to have to live in Jersey for the time being. We have bought a place there. It is helpful with the taxes."

The Duke, back in England from his South African farm, added: "I am still not resident here and we don't know how much money we are going to have left to live on—that is, how much Mr Butler will leave us. When you lose 85 per cent of everything it hurts a bit."

"The obvious thing to do with the Abbey would be to knock it down, sell everything and buy a nice little shop on a corner. But I believe people will think that this is a part of England which should be preserved."—United Press.

Premier & Successor



This picture of Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden, standing together at the entrance of No. 10 Downing Street was taken last week. When Sir Winston resigns from the Premiership today, No. 10 will become Sir Anthony's official residence.—Central Press Photograph.

MALENKOV REAPPEARS IN PUBLIC

Moscow, Apr. 4.

Mr. Georgi Malenkov, former Soviet Prime Minister, appeared with other Soviet leaders at a reception here tonight marking the 10th anniversary of the "liberation" of Hungary by the Soviet Army during the war.

Mr. Malenkov attended the reception in the Sovetskaya Hotel given by the Hungarian Ambassador, Mr. Ferenc Munkacsy, with the Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, and other top Soviet leaders.

Mr. Malenkov's appearance tonight came after 10 days of speculation about his future since he failed to attend the final session of the Russian Federation's Supreme Soviet in the Kremlin on Saturday, March 26.

Mr. Malenkov was reported to be looking well and cheerful at today's reception, but he took no part in any conversation with Western diplomats.—Reuter.

Convict Slays Prison Officer

Miami, Apr. 4.

A desperate young bank robber shot a veteran prison official to death after failing to take him hostage and wounded two guards today in a brief but furious bid to break out of the Florida Penitentiary.

Other guards finally overpowered the killer, handsome, wavy-haired George Heroux, 25. He was put in solitary confinement and will be charged later with murder, the Prison Superintendent, O.P. Chapman, said.

The Assistant Superintendent, J.G. Godwin, was killed in the wild battle on the first floor of the prison near the main doors.—United Press.

The King Of Yemen Besieged

Aden, Apr. 4.

King Ahmed of the Yemen was reported besieged in a desert fortress tonight by forces under the command of his brother, but the King's son was reported on the way to his father's rescue at the head of 8,000 loyal tribesmen.

Reports from the Yemen said Crown Prince Seif el Islam el Badar, rallied members of the Hashed and Bakil tribes by throwing down his turban and dagger before the chieftains in a sign of helplessness and humiliation.

Prince Seif was reported attacking his uncle, Abdullah's force at Taz in Southern Yemen, where King Ahmed was defending the el Urdi fortress. Abdullah was reported to have about 1,000 men in his rebel army but King Ahmed was in control of the el Urdi arsenal, where ammunition is stored.

Prince Seif's army of tribesmen were said to be reinforced by mercenaries and loyal militiamen willing to die to restore King Ahmed to the throne, which his brother apparently is trying to seize by force.

The 37-year-old Crown Prince made the gesture of throwing down his turban and dagger at Hajja, a tribal centre to which he fled after the trouble started.—United Press.

Earthquake Off North Luzon

Manila, Apr. 5.

An earthquake of intensity five shook Batanes Islands off northern Luzon yesterday, it was reported last night by the Weather Bureau, geophysical station in nearby Quezon City.

This is the first earth tremor reported from northern Luzon in many years and comes after the strong earthquakes which rocked northern Mindanao and central Visayas.—France-Press.

THREAT GROWS TO SAIGON'S SAFETY

Rebel Forces Close In

Saigon, Apr. 4.

Anti-government forces closed in on the gates of Saigon today 24 hours before the truce between rebel warlords and the South Vietnam government was to end.

General Bacut, commander of the private army of the Hoa Hao sect, has concentrated 12 battalions—some 6,000 men—on the city from the region he controls southwest of Saigon.

This force will support the 9,000 troops already in the capital under the command of the Binh Xuyen private army, which today threatened to blow up South Vietnam's security headquarters if its forces are attacked.

General Paul Ely, French Commander-in-Chief, was active behind the scenes trying to prolong the truce he secured last Wednesday after street battles between the opposing sides in which about 100 people were killed or injured.

Mr. Ngo Dinh Diem, the Prime Minister, has about 12,000 well-equipped troops of the National army to throw into any battle launched by the warlords to overthrow his government.

General Phung, commander of the Cao Dai private army, deserted the "united front" of private armies last Thursday and placed his 25,000 men at the disposal of the government but it is not known whether the Cao Dai troops will fight their former allies or stay neutral.

ACROSS RICEFIELDS
General Bacut moved his troops across ricefields to avoid armoured patrols of the Vietnamese army on the main roads around Saigon.

The general wears his hair to shoulder length. He has not had it cut since he went into "mourning" for the Geneva armistice agreement that partitioned Vietnam.

The Binh Xuyen threat to blow up security headquarters is worrying city officials responsible for the safety of United States and other foreign officials in Saigon.

A building next to the headquarters houses the American Economic Aid Mission, the Belgian Consulate and the American and French consulates and American, French and British residents.

Binh Xuyen troops have guarded security headquarters since last September when the government feared a coup d'etat by the National Army.—Reuter.

Nenni Appointed
Turin, Apr. 4.

Signor Pietro Nenni was appointed as Secretary of the leftwing Italian Socialist Party by the Party's newly elected executive committee here tonight.—Reuter.

Willing To Trade
Prague, Apr. 4.

The Czechoslovak Prime Minister, Mr. Klement Gottwald, said today his country was willing to develop its trade, cultural and political relations with the capitalist countries.

Mr. Gottwald added that the Western Powers plans for re-arming West Germany increased the danger to Czechoslovakia's western frontier.

Czechoslovakia would not forget the "painful lessons of the past" or relax her vigilance in the fight against the powers of imperialism and aggression, he declared.—Reuter.

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UK Protests To Greece Over Cyprus Broadcasts OF OBJECTIONABLE CHARACTER

London, Apr. 4.

Britain is making strong representations to Greece against "the most objectionable character of the broadcasts in the Cyprus service" of the Government-controlled Athens Radio, the Foreign Office said today.

It said that "the incitements to violence" in some recent broadcasts "cannot be dissociated from the outbreak of terrorism" in Cyprus.

ENVOY INSTRUCTED
Sir Charles Peake, British Ambassador to Greece, has been instructed to make "strong representations" to this effect, the Foreign Office said.

The Foreign Office statement followed four days of bomb outrages in the British island colony of Cyprus.

Greece supports the "Enosis" movement for the union of the island with Greece.

Asked to give instances of "objectionable" broadcasts, the spokesman said that on January 31, Athens Radio had quoted approvingly from an article in the Greek newspaper, *Ellinika Vostis*.

This advocated the shipping of guns and gunpowder to the British colony so that the Cypriots might "fight for their freedom."

On March 18, Athens Radio warned the British that the "purely passive" nature of the Enosis movement against the Cyprus authorities could not go on, *Reuter*.

Jaycees To Assist Refugees

Washington, Apr. 4.

The Junior Chambers of Commerce of the United States tonight announced jointly with the International Aid Committee that they were opening a fund to aid the 750,000 Vietnamese who had taken refuge in South Vietnam.

The fund will attempt to raise US\$1,000,000 as well as gifts. The two organizations also announced that representatives of free Asian countries would attend a conference scheduled for May 5 to May 10 to work out ways of raising assistance for the Vietnamese refugees from Communism.

A programme to that effect has been drawn up by the Junior Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines. The conference will also seek to check the spread of Communism in the free Asiatic nations.

Attending the conference will be delegates from Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Hongkong, Formosa, Australia, New Zealand and Burma. It is not known yet whether representatives will attend from India, Ceylon and Singapore. *France-Press*.

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"THEY WHO DARE"

One A-Bomb Attack Could Shatter US

Washington, Apr. 4.

The Civil Defence Administrator, Mr. Val Peterson, said today that a single enemy atom-bomb attack could just about prostrate the United States industrially. He said that there has been "very little seriousness" in preparation for such a possibility.

He also said he wants every American city to undergo two test evacuations in preparation for possible atomic attack — one by day and a later one at night. He did not say when.

Mr. Peterson discussed America's civil defences in a copyrighted interview in the United States News and World Report, a weekly news magazine. He made these other points:

FROM SUBMARINES
1. Defence officials expect that in any enemy attack, bombs will come not only from the skies but also from submarines lying out at sea.

2. It is also expected an enemy would "introduce plant and animal diseases, bacteriological warfare, psychological warfare... and sabotage."

3. He would be "glad" to exchange civil defence information with the Russians "if our Government thought advisable."

Mr. Peterson hit hard at American unpreparedness for defence in the event of an atomic or hydrogen bomb attack on the United States.

The reason he said, is that "the American people have simply not accepted the possibility of an enemy attack... from the skies by inter-continental bombers carrying these tremendous nuclear weapons."

But he said an attack on as few as 30 to 50 leading cities could knock out a "considerable percentage" of United States industry and "have the United States lying on the ground industrially."

Mr. Peterson said that there are "many" who now think "that you must win a war with what you have on hand the day you start" because of the possibility of such vast devastation.

The only alternative, he said, would be to have United States production facilities scattered all over the nation. "And we have shown very little seriousness about that aspect of preparation for a future war," he added.

'The Colonel' Buried

Chicago, Apr. 4.

Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, was buried with military honours today in the uniform he wore in France as a World War I artillery officer.

Col. McCormick, one of the world's most controversial figures throughout most of his lifetime, died on Friday. He was 74.

He was buried at his country estate, Canby Farm, near the western Chicago suburb of Wheaton.

The private services were attended by about 350 invited guests. *United Press*.

POP

WHAT'S SUDDENLY AMUSED YOU, COLONEL?

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Herr Theodor Blank, the German Defence Minister, pictured with the British Defence Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan (right) in London. Herr Blank while in Britain had talks with Service chiefs and saw Army and RAF units at work. Herr Blank is in charge of the formation of West Germany's new army. — Central Press Photo.

PAKISTAN PROTEST TO AFGHANISTAN

Karachi, Apr. 4.

THE Pakistan Government tonight protested to Afghanistan against attacks last week on Pakistan Consulates in Jalabad and Kandahar, it was officially learned here.

An official protest note was handed to the Afghan Charge d'Affaires, Sardar Mohammad Ali Khan, at the Foreign Office here.

Pakistan had previously protested against demonstrations in Kabul last Wednesday in which the Pakistan Embassy was attacked and its flag pulled down.

The Afghan demonstrations protested against Pakistan's recent decision to merge the tribal areas along her North-west Frontier into West Pakistan. *Reuter*.

Dulles Will See Shigemitsu Later NO AFFRONT INTENDED

Washington, Apr. 4.

The State Department's spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said today that "certainly no affront" was intended when the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, told the Japanese Government he could not receive the Foreign Minister, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, here this month.

He said that plans are going forward to arrange a visit of Mr. Shigemitsu at a later date.

Mr. White told reporters at the daily State Department Press conference that Mr. Dulles' message was not a "rejection" of Mr. Shigemitsu's bid to come to Washington.

INSUFFICIENT TIME

"The Secretary just pointed out that there was insufficient time to prepare for talks in early April," he said. "Plans are now going forward for a later meeting."

He said he could not speculate on when this later meeting might take place because there is no way of knowing how much preparation is required.

Mr. White pointed out that the Japanese-American talks will involve the Defence Department,

the Treasury and other US Government agencies as well as the State Department. Therefore, he said, this means that extensive work within the United States Government must take place to make the high level conversations fruitful.

Mr. White also said that the State Department believes that a good deal of spade work on existing problems affecting Japan and the United States jointly should be done in Tokyo with the American Embassy representing the United States.

"We do think a visit of the Foreign Minister is important," Mr. White said. "But we think that a lot of ground-work must be done by the Embassy in Tokyo to make possible really effective conversations here." *United Press*.

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Adenauer Rejects Resignation

Bonn, Apr. 4. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has sent a letter to his Vice-Chancellor, Herr Franz Bluecher, refusing to accept the latter's resignation handed in a few weeks ago, it was learned here today.

Herr Bluecher, a member of the Free Democrats (FDP), had offered to resign in February, after he supported the Paris agreements and the controversial Saar statute, opposed by his Party and advocated by Dr. Adenauer.

Chancellor Adenauer explained in his letter that he had not forwarded Herr Bluecher's resignation request to the German President, Herr Theodor Heuss, because Dr. Adenauer had no intention of accepting the request.—France-Press.

Nagy's Successor May Be Deputy Premier

Vicenna, Apr. 4. Mr. Andras Hegedues, Hungary's First Deputy Premier and a senior Communist Party member, is the likeliest successor to Mr. Imre Nagy as Premier, according to observers here who heard an announcement tonight by Budapest Radio.

The Radio said delegations from ten Communist countries, in Budapest for the tenth anniversary celebrations of Hungary's liberation, today visited Mr. Matyas Rakosi, First Party Secretary, Istvan Dobi, the State President, and Mr. Hegedues, First Deputy Premier and member of the Politburo, the top Party policy making body.

Observers said this was a strong indication that Mr. Hegedues had been picked to follow Mr. Nagy, who has fallen from grace after being accused of "rightwing deviations."—Reuter.

PAKISTAN JOINS MID EAST ALLIANCE

Commons Approve Government Action NO VOTE TAKEN

Karachi, Apr. 4. Pakistan has decided to accept the invitation of Turkey and Iraq to join their defence alliance, it was authoritatively learned here today.

The invitations were delivered last Friday to Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistani Premier and Foreign Minister, and Pakistan's acceptance is understood to have already been sent to Ankara and Bagdad.

Pakistan's decision to join the pact, which has been denounced by Egypt as cutting across the Arab security pact, follows a similar decision by Britain.

BRITAIN SIGNS

Britain also signed a new defence arrangement with Iraq today within the framework of the Turco-Iraqi pact.

In London the House of Commons endorsed the Government's decision to join the pact and make a special agreement with Iraq to replace the Anglo-Iraqi alliance of 1930.

As the Opposition agreed to the main principle, no vote was taken.

Under the new arrangements, the Royal Air Force will evacuate air bases in Iraq within a year. But some personnel will stay to help develop the Iraqi Air Force and maintain its installations.

The alliance between Britain, Turkey and Iraq forms a new link in the Western defence chain from Iceland to the Philippines. Britain and Turkey are members of the Atlantic pact and each has a link with Pakistan—Turkey in a bilateral pact and Britain within the Southeast Asia Defence treaty.

ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE

Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, replying to Opposition anxiety about Israel's position, said the British Government would be perfectly ready to venture into some new form of guarantee for a settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute. But it would have to include three things:

1. A settlement of the refugee problem.
2. The question of the frontier.
3. Settlement of the problem of the Jordan waters.

He did not think lasting agreement could be reached on any one of them unless there was agreement on all three.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, former Labour Foreign Secretary, had said the Opposition considered the Government's attitude to Israel "by no means satisfactory." Israel might feel she was being isolated by Britain's pacts with Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. He suggested a similar pact between Britain and Israel.

Sir Anthony Eden said if the Arab countries and Israel could agree to a settlement on the lines he had mentioned, that was "fair and reasonable." Britain would underwrite it. The tragedy was that whenever the atmosphere slightly improved for a discussion an incident occurred.

"We have our own ideas and thoughts, and we have discussed them with others and would be ready to do what we could, quickly, to try to help forward negotiations," he added.

Earlier Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, had said the pact respected the independence of all countries and offered specific guarantees to any states who acceded to it.

One article provided that contracting parties should refrain from any interference whatsoever in each other's internal affairs.

Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, a former Labour Defence Minister, asked whether Israel would be allowed to accede to the Turco-Iraqi pact.

Mr. Nutting replied: "In existing circumstances Israel is not in a position to accede to the pact because under Article Five the pact is open for accession to any member of the Arab League or any other state actively concerned with security and peace in this region and which is fully recognized by both the high contracting parties."

ARTICLE THREE

"Therefore this guarantee of non-interference applies as provided for under Article Three only to those states who are in a position to accede to the pact."

But Mr. Nutting said the British Government believed these arrangements would provide for greater security for all states in the Middle East, including Israel.

Mr. Shinwell said it seemed that while other states in the Middle East could be given a guarantee, Israel could not. Mr. Nutting replied "nothing prohibits us from giving any such guarantee."

The Government hoped this new strength and unity would grow and that it would eventually include other countries in the area. "Essential as this new arrangement is in its present form, it could lead to an even wider defence system and hence to greater and wider security in the Middle East," he said.

Mr. Nutting said there was nothing in the pact which need "threaten, weaken or cause anxiety to any state in the Middle East."

SPECIAL GUARANTEE

"It is directed against no one in the area, against no state or group of states," he added.

"Indeed it respects the independence of all countries and offers a specific guarantee to any states who should accede," said Mr. Nutting.—Reuter.

CANADIAN DEFICIT

Ottawa, Apr. 4. The Canadian Government today estimated a Budget deficit of \$148,251,000 (about 255 million) for the fiscal year 1954-55.

The estimated deficit was reported in a White Paper presented to Parliament by Mr. Walter Harris, the Minister of Finance. He will present his Budget on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

Funeral Of Italian Victims Of Mine Disaster



The whole town of Spilto, Italy, was a mourning for the funeral of the 22 coal miners who were killed when an explosion occurred underground in the gallery in which they were working. There were harrowing scenes as the wives and children, and relatives, of the victims, took their last farewells as the coffins on which the dead miners' helmets were placed, left for the cemetery. Picture shows the coffins of the dead men, seen on trucks at the funeral.—Express Photo.

New Move In Road Tolls Dispute

NOTE HANDED TO WEST

Berlin, Apr. 4. In a new move in the dispute over tolls on roads between West and East Germany, East German Trade Ministry representatives today handed a note to West German inter-zonal trade officials here.

A West Berlin spokesman said no information could be given about the contents of the note which was sent immediately to Bonn.

East and West German inter-zonal officials met here again today to discuss the new high tolls imposed last Friday by the East German Government. Preliminary talks last Saturday produced no agreement.

The new rates increased tolls for lorries running between West Berlin and West Germany by 100 to 1,000 per cent of the previous charges. The East Germans said the increases were necessitated by rising road maintenance costs.

All inter-zonal trade talks were broken off by the West German side immediately after the measures were announced. Further reprisals from the West Germans are not expected unless the present talks fail.

The West German Government and Allied High Commissions have protested that the new tolls are "a political move" unjustified by economic facts.

Reliable sources said tonight no real negotiations took place during today's talks between East and West German inter-zonal officials.

NO DATE FIXED

No date has been fixed for further talks and prospects of a speedy settlement are dwindling, the sources said.

MOLOTOV'S CHARGE REJECTED

Frankfurt, Apr. 4. US Escapee Programme officials tonight flatly rejected Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's charge that youthful Russian "agents" Vasily Lysikov was "under obvious pressure" and "cannot answer for his actions."

Mr. Richard R. Brown, Director of the US Escapee Programme for Europe and the Middle East, declared: "No pressure has been put on this boy at all. He willingly agreed to make a broadcast for Radio Free Europe, and at the moment he is taking life very easy."

He dismissed Mr. Molotov's reference to the 17-year-old son of a Soviet Air Force Lieutenant Colonel as an "unstable pup."

"This kid knows his own mind and has the strength of his own convictions," Mr. Brown said. "He is extremely stable and just the opposite of what Molotov said."

The youth is presently in Munich, where he is "making several different tapes" and learning some English, Mr. Brown said.—United Press.

Doctor In The Field

Melbourne, Apr. 4. This is how cricketing doctor J. A. B. Rogers spent his time as a member of a side in a match in the Victorian town of Marchion.

Just as play opened, attended a patient brought to the ground for urgent treatment.

Left the field to sew a wound over another player's eye struck by a ball.

Left the field to answer a maternity case call.

Back on the field, gave first aid treatment to the wicketkeeper who caught a fast one on the nose.

Called on to bowl an over but cut out after the first ball because police summoned him to an emergency case.

Rushed back to the ground to see stamps drawn after his side won the match.—China Mail Special

'RUSSIA CANNOT START WAR'

Not Producing Enough Food

New York, Apr. 4. Soviet Russia cannot start a war in the near future because it cannot produce enough food now, a former United States Attache in Moscow said today.

Mr. Charles W. Thayer, ex-chief of the Voice of America, also said that Soviet agriculture is even poorer now than it was 40 years ago, before the Communists took power.

Mr. Thayer said in an article in Look Magazine even before the ouster of ex-Premier Georgi Malenkov it was apparent that the Communist Party's Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, "Russia's No. 1 man," and his associates were facing such acute internal problems that they could not risk the danger of war.

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"Russia once was a major food exporter," he said. "Today, her collective farms do not produce enough to keep pace with her growing population."

Mr. Thayer quoted a former Soviet Police Colonel who sought asylum in the West two years ago as saying "the whole collective farm system" on which Soviet agriculture is based is "spiralling downward."

He said that youthful workers were fleeing from the collective farms, leaving the Communists to put children in the fields and even send office workers back to the fields.

The grain supply is adequate to feed the population, Mr. Thayer said but insufficient to build up Russia's livestock herds, which now represent only 130 cows for every 1,000 persons, when Stalin died he said, the new Soviet leaders found that

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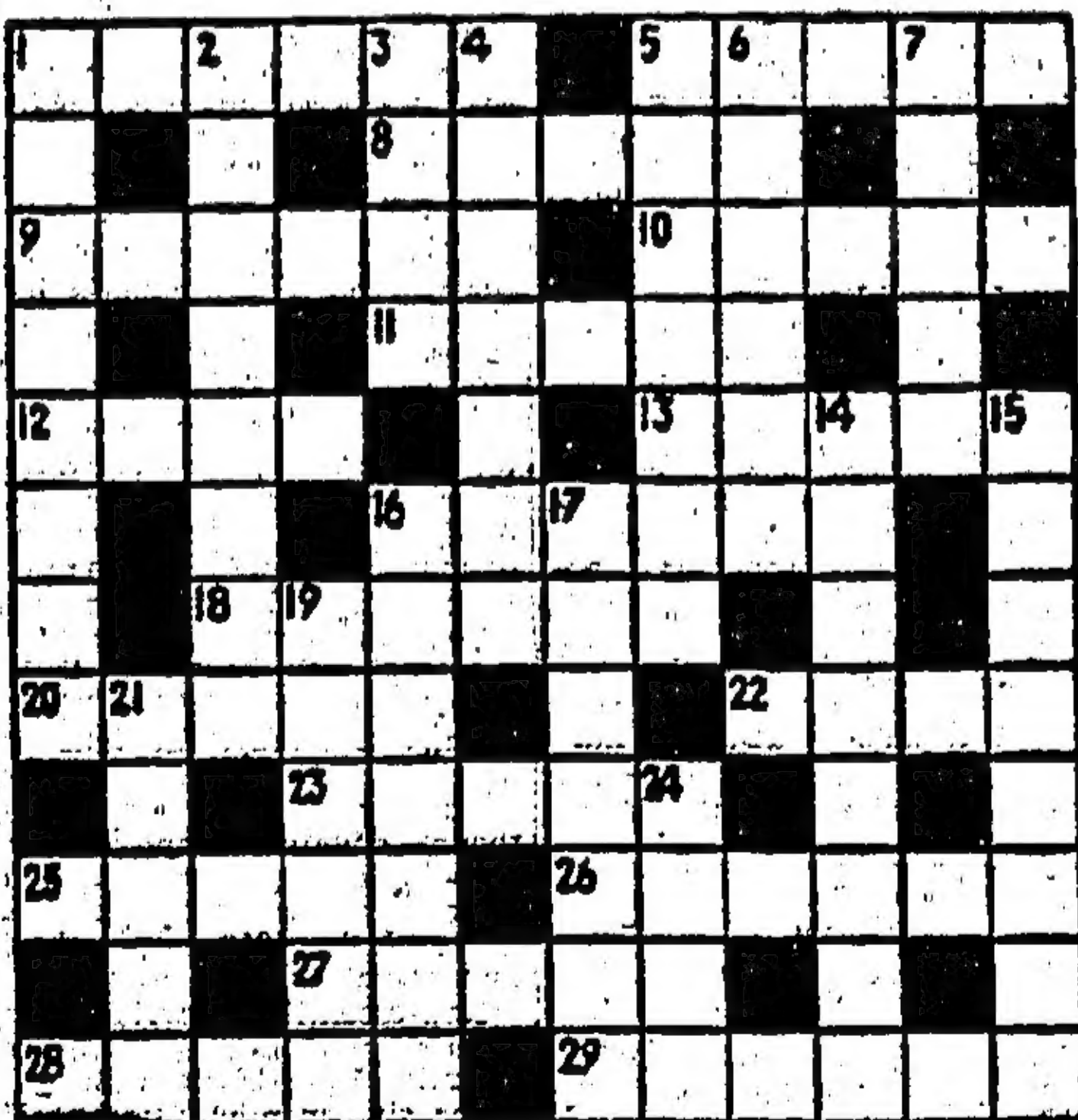
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Afters meal (8).
2. Elevate (5).
3. Intimidated (5).
4. Make a journey (8).
5. Fashion (5).
6. Staid (5).
7. Consumes (4).
8. Harvest (4).
9. Command (6).
10. Climbed (6).
11. Harden (6).
12. Account (4).
13. Animal (5).
14. Flower (5).
15. Deceive (6).
16. Mine galleries (6).
17. Noblemen (5).
18. Grave (6).

DOWN

1. Samples (8).
2. Bent (8).
3. Freezes (4).
4. Army officer (7).
5. Venerated (7).
6. Worships (6).
7. Stub (5).
8. Irish record (8).
9. Narrative poems (7).
10. Recluses (7).
11. Vault (6).
12. Twist (5).
13. In addition (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Glad, 7 Party, 8 Exit, 9 Tale, 10 Quarter, 12 Dais, 15 Arden, 18 Stem, 19 March, 21 Ripper, 22 Levy, 23 Dime, 24 Lays, 25 Undress, 30 Marc, 31 Keep, 32 Renth, 33 Sell. Down: 1 Vague, 2 Iterate, 4 Leena, 5 Dend, 6 Lart, 9 Treem, 11 Trend, 13 Alry, 14 Ache, 16 Achard, 17 Ornl, 18 Spay, 20 Averted, 22 Lone, 24 Rural, 25 Astil, 27 Apex, 28 Saps.

SEVEN BRIDES for Seven Brothers

MILLY BROWN, of the town of Oregon in 1850, marries Adam Pontipee, who has come down from the hills in search of a bride. But when she returns with him to his farm she finds that living there too are his six brothers, as rough and tough as himself—and all unmarried.

The prospect of mending and tending for seven such men appals her—so she spruces up her six brothers-in-law and tells them they must each go to town to find a bride too.

I WAS proud of my six brothers-in-law by this time. I had no doubt that there were more than six girls in the town who, once they got on close enough terms, would be ready to take them on.

"Don't let me down, boys," I told them as they drove off.

"We'll be a credit to you, Milly," they replied. "We'll bring back six brides even good enough to compare with you."

They would have done too—the reputation of the Pontipee family hadn't been so bad. Oh, they did all right at the town barn dance. The girls took one look at my brothers-in-law and their pulses started racing. They were more than willing.

Greek named Plutarch, and I've been reading it.

"In this book there is a story about some Romans who hadn't got any women to look after them. Well, there were some women, who wanted to be with them but their relatives wouldn't let them come. So you know what the Romans did? They went in and kidnapped the women."

Said Caleb: "Are you suggesting we should go in and kidnap our girls too, Adam?"

"When do we set out?" asked Gideon. "My Daisy Mae would be a real nice present for the winter."

Adam frowned at his six brothers. "Milly would never approve if I just sent you in to pick up the girls and drag them off like squaws. It's marriage I'm thinking of for all six of you."

So what you do is to-morrow night, drive into town and signal your girls to climb down from their bedrooms—and then lead them all into the wagon."

The brothers looked at him with dawning pleasure on their well-scrubbed faces. "After that, you pick up a preacher and lead him into the wagon, too. Then you drive through the canyon back to the farm, and we'll have a mass wedding."

It had been snowing all day and it snowed all night too. The brothers set off for the town and went off to their gals, while Adam waited for them. "Don't take long, and no noise, now," he warned.

One by one they called up the girls of their choice, canoodled with them a little and then, when they were off-guard, slipped a blanket over them and carried them, kicking, away.

Then someone gave the alarm. In a moment the whole town was aroused. A posse of men assembled, in the streets, with

guns, ready to shoot down the kidnapping Pontipee brothers.

At the edge of the town Adam was waiting, with a big horse-sleigh now. One by one the brothers rushed in and dumped their squirming, blanket-covered bundles into the sleigh. Then they made a dash for it, with a horde of murderous townsfolk chasing behind.

Presently they came to Echo Canyon. "Steady now," warned Adam. "Too much noise now and that snow up there will come down and cut us off from the farm."

Very carefully and quietly they crept around the bend. Behind them they could hear sounds of pursuit. And then, when they were safely round, and the pursuers were just coming in sight, Benjamin raised his gun and fired.

The mountain quivered and the snow began to slip. And then, like thunder, down came the avalanche, blocking the road between town and farm—with the brothers and their girls on one side and the angry townsfolk on the other.

Later on, after I had dried out the girls and quietened their fears, I faced the brothers. "You might have told me this was going to happen," I said. "Those poor children—kidnapping them like that. Still, I'm glad to know your intentions were honourable."

I faced Adam. "Now," I said. "We had better get this situation regularised as soon as possible. The avalanche has come down and blocked the road until next spring. The sooner these girls are married to your brothers the better. Call in the preacher."

Adam nodded and turned to Caleb. "Milly's right. Where is he?"

The brothers were looking grim and ashamed.

"Adam," said Caleb, stepping forward. "I have a terrible thing to tell you. We did as you said, and brought the girls. But in our hurry, you know what—we forgot to bring the preacher. We can't get married until the spring."

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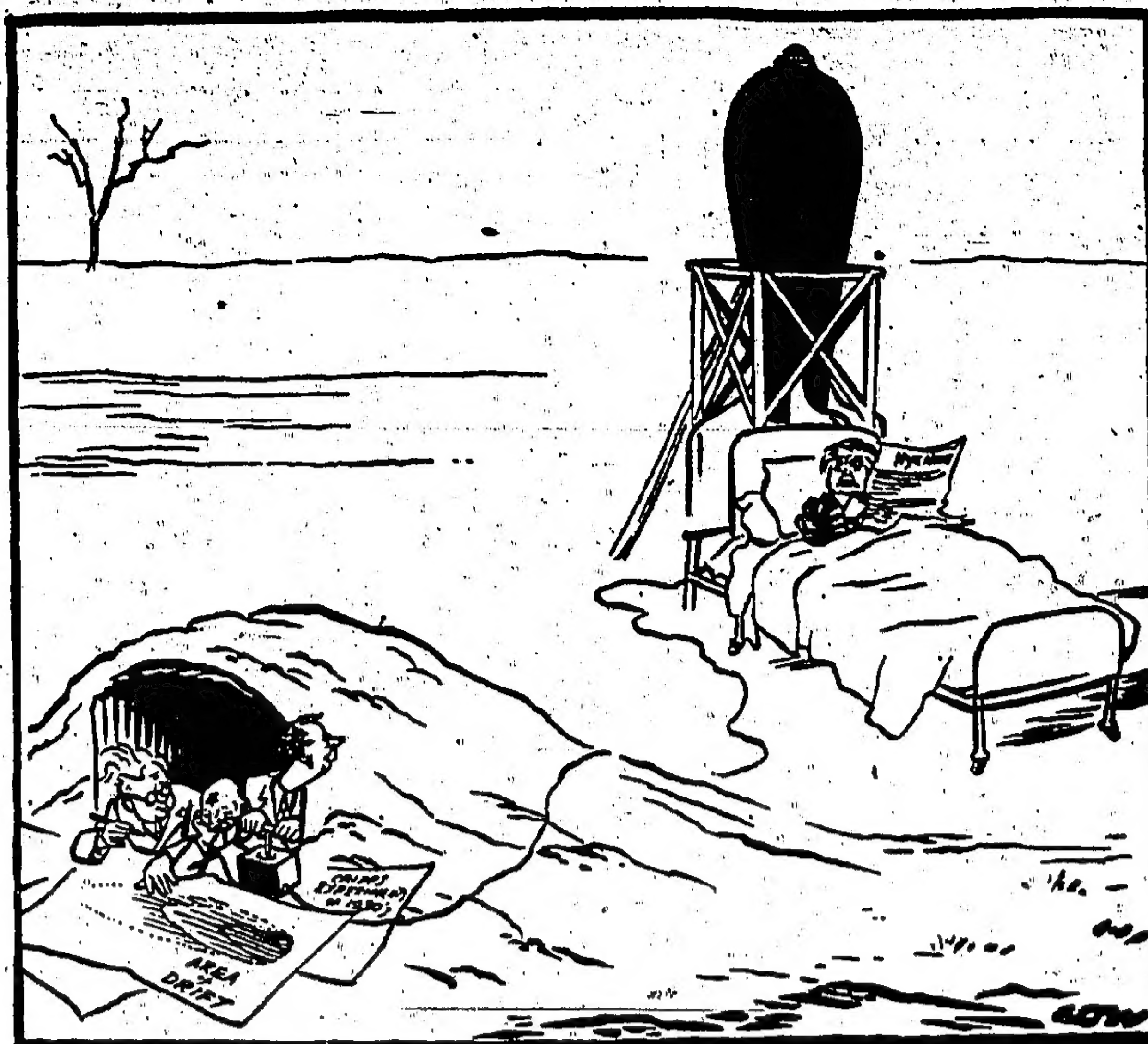
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RUSSELL SPURR, London Daily Express Correspondent, who spent 2 months behind the Bamboo Curtain, reports on life in the new Peking

The Girls In Pigtails Have Lost Their Sense Of Fun

AN icy wind whined round the Temple of Heaven. It sent a shudder through the pine trees in a nearby park. It whipped vainly at red and gold propaganda posters—urging immediate "liberation" of Formosa—which Red China's rulers had plastered over every ancient wall and archway.

The few sightseers strolling down the long, raised roadway from the adjoining Hall of the Imperial Tablets clasped their padded coats around them.

They are in uniform—who is not in Peking?—either the mass-produced blue that is all a civilian can buy or the pale grey-green of the People's Liberation Army.

COMRADE in blue jacket

THE Emperor of China once passed here in a procession. Honoured slaves carried his gilded palanquin. Imperial guards in lacquered armour and mandarins in rustling silk surrounded the sacred presence. All that has gone.

Young soldiers fresh from Korea posed for their picture outside the circular temple where the emperor invoked the aid of heaven.

A party of model workers from somewhere near the Tibetan border gawked.

Comrade Cheng obviously approved. She stood squarely into the wind, pigtailed flying, nodding knowingly up at the immortal blue-tiled roof. "Very beautiful," she said, proud of China's proud past, "but built on the misery of the workers."

The little comrade had been grudgingly supplied to show me round the city. She is small, sweet-smiling, and surprisingly pretty despite a conscious attempt to look proletarian.

No time to waste on hair-dos or make-up. No money to fritter away on suits or dresses.

Just a plain, polished face, pigtailed. And the same blue jacket and trousers as the men.

NEW PAINT in People's Park

MY Detroit-styled Soviet car whizzed us next to People's Park. The name is not uncommon in Communist China, where everything must be made to appear the property of the people.

New paint adorned curving archways on either side of the frozen ornamental lake. A big Buddhist statue on the hill above was freshly white-washed. Whatever their private contempt for pre-Communist China, the Red leaders do not intend to smother the thread of their cultural heritage. Indeed, they are going out of their way to revive memories of Chinese greatness and Chinese humiliations at the hands of "Imperialist" Powers—to keep a naturally patriotic people in a fever of patriotism.

THE FATHER Beams down

COMRADE CHENG pointed to skaters who were gliding (or staggering) round a fenced-off rink.

"The emperors used to sail there in pleasure boats," she told me. "Now anyone can skate or sail on the lake."

They still did it, of course, with the "emperor's" sanction. For above the rink was the portrait of the latest in the long line of succession.

Pudgy Mao Tse-tung, wart on chin, beamed benignly down from the usual propaganda hoarding. The self-appointed father of a land where fathers are worshipped as gods.

Still, it is not all tradition. Peking is having a face-lift. Shops and pagodas are being torn down to build a triumphal way through the centre of the city. New hotels and offices are shooting up.

A wasteland outside the western wall is being dotted

with ugly barrack-like buildings—the scientific institutes and training colleges to back the industrial expansion that is the mystique of the Marxist creed.

Old ideas are changing too: the eternal gambling of the Chinese seems to have been stamped out. The click of mahjong counters, the sigh of shuffling cards has been extinguished almost overnight.

You could hardly put down your cigarette five years ago without someone swiping it. Now a man will run after you with your wallet if you drop it in the street.

Tips are regarded as an insult. And if your hickshay man is out of change he will come back next day to give it back.

Comrade Cheng said: "China has become honest again." I only feel she did not give quite enough credit to the police. They are more business-like and more numerous, than any I have ever seen.

DETERMINED not happy

BUT if the Chinese are reformed they have somewhere lost their sense of fun. An unfamiliar dreariness seems to have settled on their sagging shoulders.

The street crowds look determined rather than happy. They queue meekly for rations in the State shops. They jostle sadly through the great bazaar, unable to haggle now that each price is plainly marked.

Cinemas are doing well despite the dreary propaganda productions: "Women Locomotive

Drivers," "Sabotage in the Steel Mill," "The Collective Farmers of Chinghai."

But then there is little other entertainment.

Everything is closed by eight at night. The few revelers who can afford it celebrate behind closed doors in the more exclusive restaurants. For most people it is home and bed, leaving wind-swept streets to stray dogs and the ever-patrolling policemen.

DIPLOMACY at the parties

A LITTLE social life splutters on behind the grey granite walls of the foreign embassies. It is all very diplomatic—and dull.

Even cocktail parties must be staged like a veto session in the Security Council.

Are the British in favour today? My dear, we must not have the Dutch Minister next to the Indonesians! That foreign bank manager is so charming, but he cannot meet any of the Chinese Treasury Department. They have bought him out this week.

There is seldom need to worry. Even the most neutralist party soon splits along ideological lines. The astute host naturally keeps open several rooms. Within a few minutes representatives of a dozen nations have fissioned into appropriate groups.

Politely bowing, scrupulously avoiding their contaminating rivals, the cars drive up. The guests depart. The host hurriedly checks his whisky—and cables for more from Hongkong.

Dare You Cast Your Clos?

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE early spring warning: "Don't cast a clot till May is out" has been streamlined by the scientists.

"Don't cast half a clot till May is out" is much more precise, they argue; the "clot" being the scientists' yardstick for measuring the warming power of clothing.

Most Britons wear about one and a third cloths when indoors during winter. When men start shedding woolly pants and put on light suits in spring they disperse with about half a cloth.

Women's "size" defies the weather to wear: summery frocks have only about half a cloth left on.

If you are wearing one cloth and take it all off you will be

one and a half cloths colder because you also deprive yourself of the layer of warm air which was trapped between your clothing and your skin.

Even when fully stripped you are not clothless because your skin provides you with some.

This cloths is revealed in a first-rate scientific manual—first published by two temperature experts, Professor Alan Burton of the University of Western Ontario, and Dr. Otto Edholm of Britain's National Institute for Medical Research.

It is mainly the result of experiments carried out to devise better cold-weather clothing for troops.

The scientists found that the maximum amount of clothing a

man can wear without being almost completely immobilised supplies him with about six cloths.

This is the amount of protection you get from your blankets and eiderdown on a cold winter night.

Experts point out that there is nothing like a shivery climate for stimulating people to work. Civilisations have perished in the past when climate and conditions of life became too conducive to laziness around the fires.

The centres of what the scientists call "high national energy" have tended to move further and further north.

Then will the Eskimos eventually dominate the world? The scientists say: not. The Arctic climate is so exacting that the Eskimos will always have to spend almost all their time coping with the elementary needs of life.

AUSSIES TIGHTEN BELTS

By Bryan Bosanquet

Sydney. AS Australians tightened their belts again this week for another round of austerity, politicians were asking themselves a strange question: "Can a country develop too fast?"

The Australian story is an odd one from start to finish.

But the basic fact is this: Of just under 9,000,000 Australians, half live in six big cities. A third live in two cities alone—Sydney and Melbourne.

On paper, Australia is one of the most scantily populated countries in the world, with just 294 people for every 100 square miles, compared with 4,340 in the United States and 58,780 in Japan. But even before you get to the problem of the cities, the figures begin to appear distorted.

For instance, five million Australians live in three relatively small states—Victoria, New South Wales and the island of Tasmania. Victoria has 2,682 people for every 100 square miles. The vast Northern Territory has only three inhabitants for every 100.

Australia's problem is that the population is concentrated into one corner and much of it is packed into a handful of cities.

Australians just prefer to live in cities.

Welfare State

With working hours as short as any in the world, no unemployment, and a welfare state which ensures that even the lowest paid worker can live in comparative luxury, there is everything to attract them.

But that is just where the problem emerges.

With the big wages and long hours to work, Australia just can't compete in the manufactured goods market. On the other hand, even with her vastly overgrown urban populations, the country still can't produce many of the goods it needs.

Heavy machinery, automobiles, refrigerators, farm equipment and dozens of other kinds of manufactured goods must still be imported.

All there is to sell is agricultural produce. And there just isn't enough of it.

The ratio of the agricultural to the urban population means that Australia must actually import food.

About all that's left is wool and wheat—a lot of wool, not so much wheat.

A small fluctuation in the world wool price could bankrupt the country.

To try to right the balance, Australia encouraged large-scale immigration after the war. But only six migrants in every 100 went to the farms. The rest crowded into the cities, intensifying rather than solving the problem.

Didn't Work

In 1952, when imports rocketed to nearly A\$1,053,423, while exports sagged to just over A\$275,008,000. Premier Menzies slashed some imports by 80 percent and others by 40 percent, with the overall effect that imported "luxury" goods virtually disappeared from the market.

The country ranted under the restrictions. Menzies related, and loosened imports, hoping that the law of supply and demand would set things right. It didn't.

Whereas, under the restrictions, exports led imports by a healthy A\$350 million in 1952-53, things had gone far out of whack again by last week.

Figures for February—one of the months of the Australian summer when a surplus is usually piled up to meet the lean days of winter when there is nothing to sell—showed a deficit of more than A\$1.5 million against a surplus for the same month last year of nearly A\$2.5 million.

Since last July, the total deficit has reached A\$175 million. But exports are also rising—though slightly—and the new belt-tightening, severe, but not quite so severe as the one which followed the 1952 crisis, should turn the trick.

Non-essential imports are to be cut by a third, essential products by 15 to 20 percent.

For six months, few people are likely to feel the pull.

More Trouble

But if restrictions must go on after that, there may well be trouble. Cuts in raw materials imports will mean dislocation and probably unemployment in some areas.

The cuts in luxury goods will leave many Australians with money to burn—money to bid up prices and set inflation rolling.

And then the trouble is likely to start all over again, an endless vicious circle with only one way out—more men on the farm, more desert reclaimed, more jungle tamed.

And where do you find the men? Australia has simply progressed from an agrarian economy to an industrial economy—too fast, without enough men to go around.

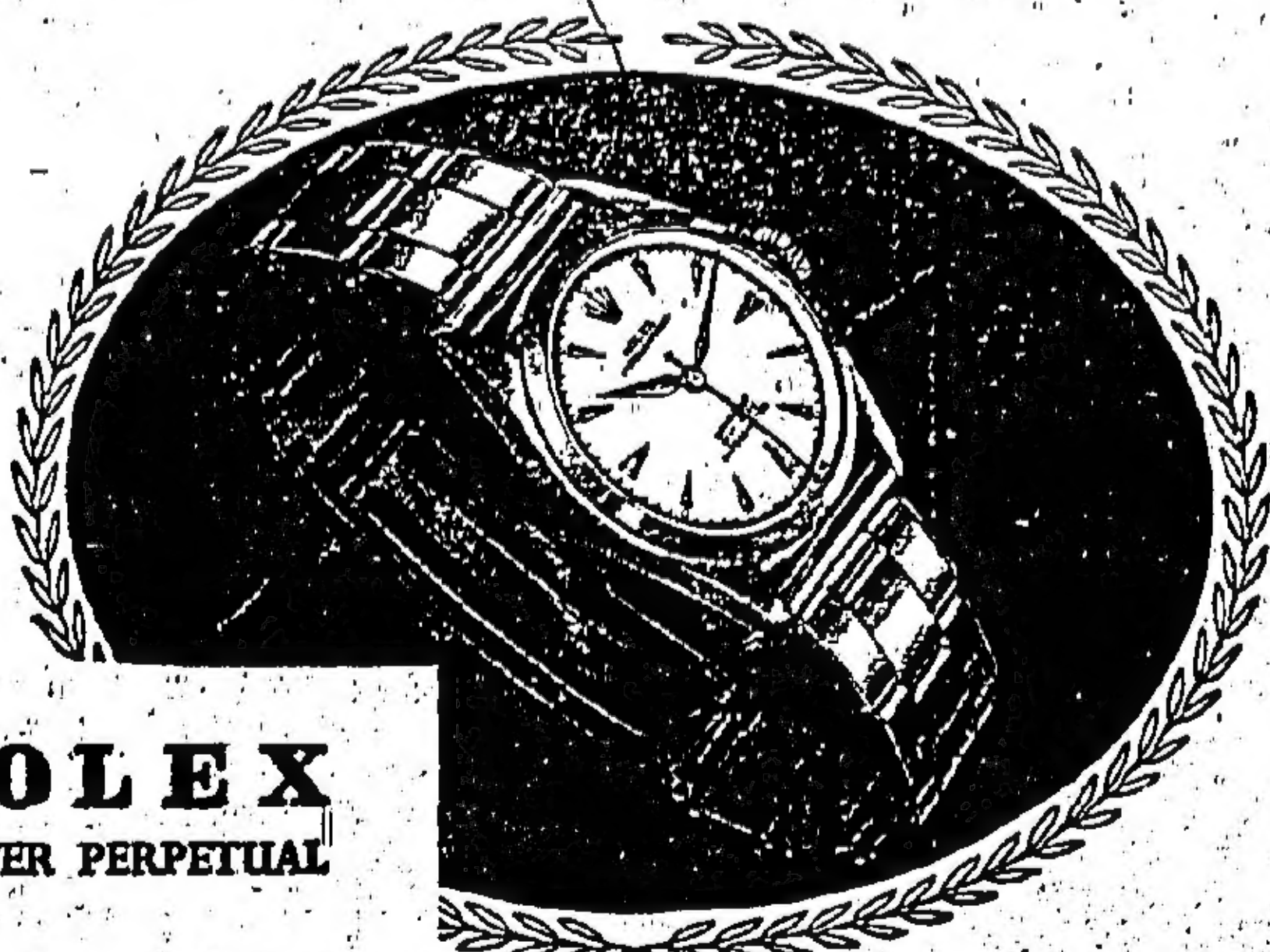
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WONG PENG-SOON SAYS

It Will Take A Long Time Before England Will Be A Force In World Badminton

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Wong Peng-soon is back, back on top of international badminton, after a break of two years. The World's No. 1 player brought his shuttlecocks to London, and returned to Malaya with the All-England Men's Singles trophy.

The Cup is no stranger to Wong's mantelpiece. This is the fourth occasion it has been part of his plane baggage to Singapore. Wong won the title on three successive visits in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

And Eddie Choong, this year's runner-up, is no stranger to Wong. Peng-soon, a fellow Malayan, Eddie fell to him in the English 1952 championships. Since then Eddie has held the title.

Yet Wong is 37, an age when most have left the badminton courts behind them. No such thought for Wong. "I'll carry on as long as I am able to give of my best," he told me.

Did he adopt any special tactics against Choong? "No, I never worry about such things," said Wong. "I just play my normal game. If I win, it's to my credit. If I lose, I just lose."

TYPICAL STATEMENT

A typical statement from a man who is the World's best, in his own sphere, yet one who has never allowed success to triumph over his natural modesty.

FA RESULTS

London, Apr. 4.
Association Football results:
SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAYS
Airdrie 0 Celtic 2
Clyde 1 Aberdeen 0
Celtic and Clyde meet in the final on Saturday, April 23.
LEAGUE III SOUTHERN
Walsall 6 N'hampton 1
Coventry C 3 Newport C 2
LEAGUE III NORTHERN
Bradford C 2 York City 3
—Reuter.

NOTICE

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CAPSPIN

Wong was non-committal about Malaya's chances of retaining the Thomas Cup this year. But he did suggest the biggest challenge would come from either the Danes or Indians.

Charles To Fight South African

Edmonton Alberta, Apr. 4.
Former World Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles, has formally signed a contract to fight South African Heavyweight Johnny Arthur here next Monday.

Boxing promoter Sack Berry said today he has received the signed contract from Charles. The former top man of the heavyweight division is due here tomorrow night.

It was reported requests for tickets were ahead of those for the Earl Wills Rex Layne bout which took in 34,000. — United Press.

PORT OF SPAIN TEST

Australia Fields A Scratch Side Against Trinidad

Port of Spain, Apr. 4.
Trinidad were 188 for seven wickets at the close of play on the first day of their match against the Australian Touring Side here today.

Trinidad made a poor start in their match and lost three wickets for 51 runs before lunch.

Jeff Stollmeyer, their Captain, was first to go when he was bowled by Lindwall with the score at 23. Lindwall made the ball stand up sharply from a length, and Stollmeyer watched it hit his body and roll on to the wicket.

One run later Ralph Legall was dismissed without scoring when "Burge" held a brilliant one-handed diving catch.

Trinidad lost their third wicket when R. Tang Choon, believed to be the only full-blooded Chinese in first-class cricket, was out leg before to Bill Johnston.

At lunch it was raining heavily. With Keith Miller, Alan Davidson, Ian Johnson and Colin McDonald on the injured list, Australia are fielding a scratch side.

Miller is suffering from a swollen leg, but is expected to be fit for the second test, which begins on April 11. Johnson's injured heel is improving and he is also expected to be available for the next test.

McDonald is nursing his bruised ribs and a bruised toe, and Davidson is still receiving treatment for a torn heel tendon.

Stollmeyer, who had to withdraw from the first Test because of an injured finger, is leading the Trinidad side. Gerry Gomez, who toured Australia in 1950-51 and was recently called back from retirement, is also in the side.

Referees' Dinner

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association are holding their annual dinner-dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday, April 13.

Cocktails will be at 8.30 p.m. and dinner at 9 p.m. Tickets, costing \$10 each, are obtainable from the Association's Chairman, Brig Young, from the Secretary, Mr F. J. Stanley, 1A, Hanoi Road, third floor, or from Maj. A. C. A. Walker, SOPT.

America? "I don't think so," said Wong. "They are still relying on their old stagers. They only just managed to beat Canada."

"Still you never know in this game," he added with a shrug and a smile. "A lot depends on the fitness and fortune of the teams taking part. A couple of players may be injured or lose form, and ruin their team's chances."

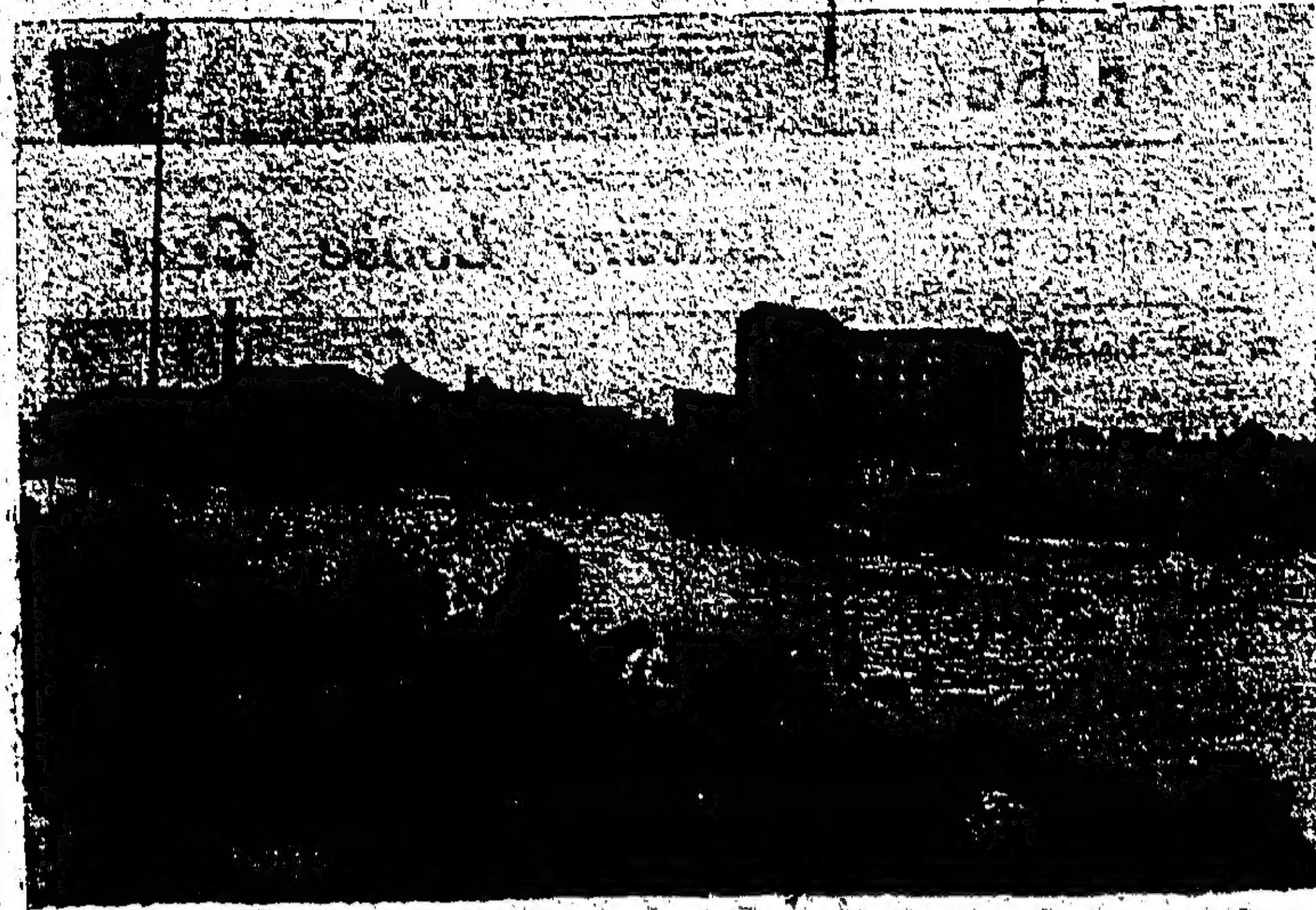
Apart from the bitterly cold weather ("the sudden change of climate affected my play in the championships") Wong took back with him a good impression of England's Women players.

Wong feels it will be a long time before England is a force in the badminton world. "Because of the expense there just aren't the young players coming up," he said.

English badminton enthusiasts will be rooting for Wong in the Thomas Cup matches. For anyone who can make a successful comeback at his age deserves all the luck that is going, and more besides.

—London Express Service.

CAMBRIDGE WIN BY 15 LENGTHS



Britain's world famous once yearly Inter-University boat race was won this year by the enormous margin of 15 lengths. Oxford prior to the race were favourites to win at 2-1, but Cambridge put on a terrific spurt after the half way mark and Oxford found it impossible to catch up.

Mainly due to Oxford's effort in trying to catch the Cambridge team the No. 6 Oxford stroke collapsed. This picture shows the finish of the race with a long view of the course and Oxford not yet in sight. —Express Photo.

BRITAIN MUST PLAY YOUNG STARS IN DAVIS CUP

Says Alan Hoby

Behind the scenes in Britain's Lawn Tennis there is simmering a controversy which may boil over next month when the season starts.

The issues are clear-cut.

Should the "Old Guard"—gallant gentlemen like Mottram, Paish, and Oakley—who have flown the flag for so long continue to represent Britain in the Davis Cup?

Or should those brilliant youngsters—Bobby Wilson from Finchley, Billy Knight from Northampton, and fiery Michael Davies from Swansea—be given their chance in the world's top tennis tournament?

I say "BLOOD" THE BOYS EN BLOC. What can we lose? Prestige? We haven't any. Last time Britain won the Davis Cup was 1936. Last time an Englishman—Fred Perry—won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon was 1936.

ENOUGH POTENTIAL—Now it's 1955. And after nearly 20 years of struggle and muddle and never quite getting there Britain has a young Davis Cup squad of enormous potential.

Whatever your views, for or against, this is the most crucial year since the war for English lawn tennis—the year when these youthful musketeers who have been so carefully groomed by the Lawn Tennis Association will reach world class—or not.

That's why I urge play them in the Davis Cup. They may not win. It doesn't matter.

With young Australia and America around, the British haven't an "earthly" in the later stages of this tournament anyway.

LOOK AHEAD—

But we can look ahead to next year and the year after that. And we can see to it that, by constant competition, practice at international level these exceptional youngsters acquire the gamesmanship and

know-how which make World Champions.

Ability? Bobby Wilson at 19½ has been described as "possessing the finest forehand and service for a boy of his age ever seen in England."

At Wimbledon, last summer he put up a wonderful show against the US No. 1 Tony Trabert.

Left-hander Billy Knight, also 19½, earned the highest praise from Australia's Davis Cup boss, Harry Hopman, during his visit "Down Under".

As for Michael Grendell Davies, he is perhaps the most brilliant of the three.

A believer in all-out attack, he reached the last 16 at Wimbledon.

There is also Roger Becker, another gifted young player.

The Australians (Rosewall, Hoad), and the Americans (Trabert, Richardson) encourage youth.

If our boys are over to make the grade and bring back the glorious days of Fred Perry and "Bunny" Austin, we must do the same.

(London Express Service)

IOC To Meet In Paris To Decide Venue For 1960 Olympic Games

Lausanne, Apr. 4.

The International Olympic Committee will decide on June 18 which of seven cities will stage the 1960 Olympic Games.

The seven are Brussels, Budapest, Detroit, Lausanne, Mexico City, Rome and Tokyo.

The Committee will also hear from four aspirants for the 1960 Winter Olympics. They are Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Innsbruck, Squaw Valley (California) and St. Moritz.

Notices to this effect were sent out to all Committee members today and the IOC will meet at the Cercle Inter Allie (Paris) on June 16 to listen to each delegation of the interested nations state why they think their city should be host for the Games.

The vote will be taken on June 16, probably in two parts. The first would narrow down the selection to two or three cities followed by a final decisive vote. It is expected that the decision regarding the Olympic Games will be made in the morning and that for the winter Olympic in the afternoon.

Mr Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the IOC, said here today that among other matters to be discussed at the Paris meeting would be the question of allowing amateur athletes to receive special payment for the time spent on training. He admitted

there was a strong feeling in favour of this and it did not infringe in any way on an athlete's amateur status.

The Committee will also consider applications for membership from Barbados, Ecuador, East Germany and Northern Rhodesia and Korea.—China Mail Special.

WELTERWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT ON JUNE 10

New York, Apr. 4.

Tony Demarco today signed to defend his newly won World Welterweight Boxing championship against Carmen Basilio, at Syracuse (N.Y.) on June 10.

Demarco won the Title last Friday by knocking out Johnny Saxton in the 14th Round.—Reuter.

TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

Advanced Shots—Practice Makes Perfect

Let's look this week at some advanced snooker playing which at the same time will give the not-so-advanced player something interesting to practise.

You will be doing well if you can tackle this position successfully. It is one which faced me in a recent club exhibition, when I required two blacks and all the colours to win. The thin cut stroke which I talked about in my last article helped me to victory.

Look at Diagram A and right-hand side cushion and decide how you would proceed for the yellow, X4.

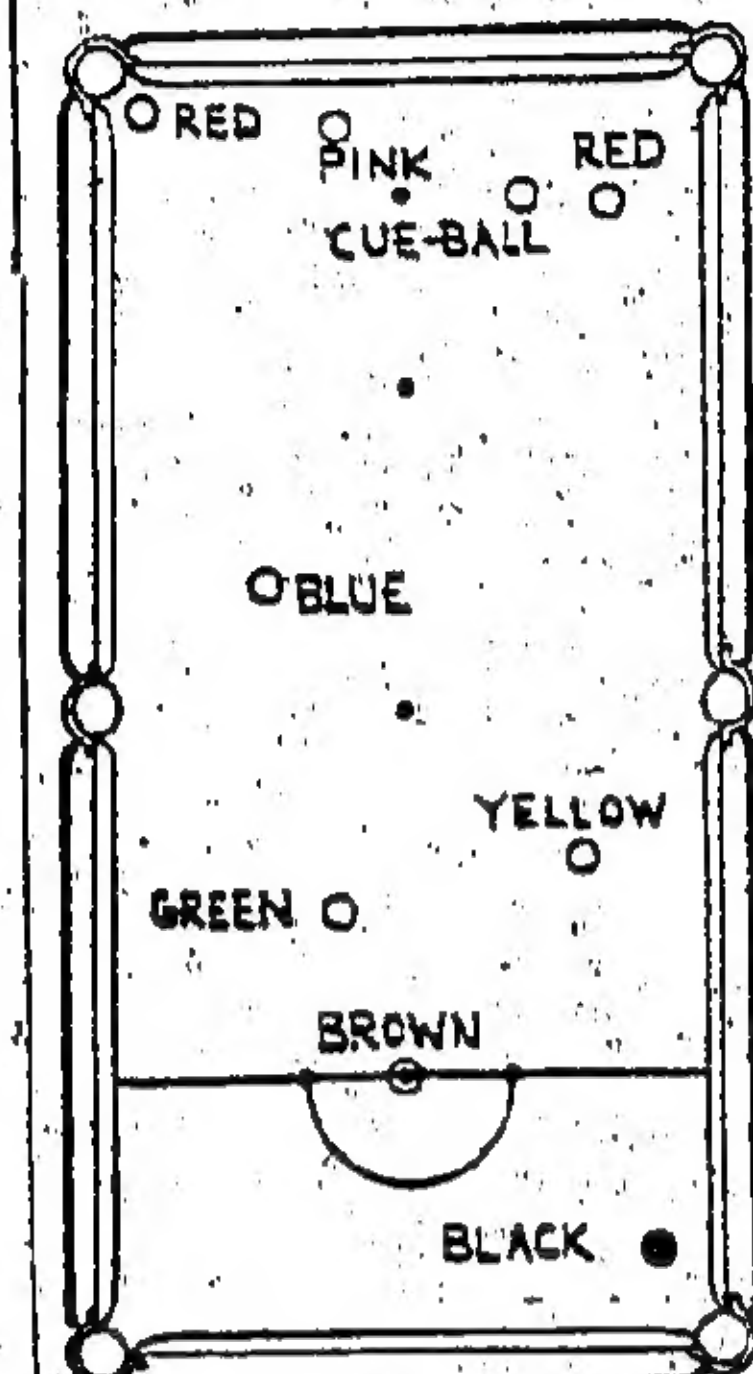


Diagram "A"

to play if you had been in my position.

This is how I tackled it. I took aim from the left edge of the cue-ball to the right edge of the red ball, and looking at the top right-hand corner pocket to check the angle of contact on the object-ball. I applied right-hand side to the white ball and speedily cut the red into the top right-hand corner pocket.

The white ball came away from the top right-hand side cushion and travelled across the table to hit the bottom left-hand side cushion, then the bottom cushion to finish eventually in perfect position for the black, as shown by tracer X1 on Diagram B.

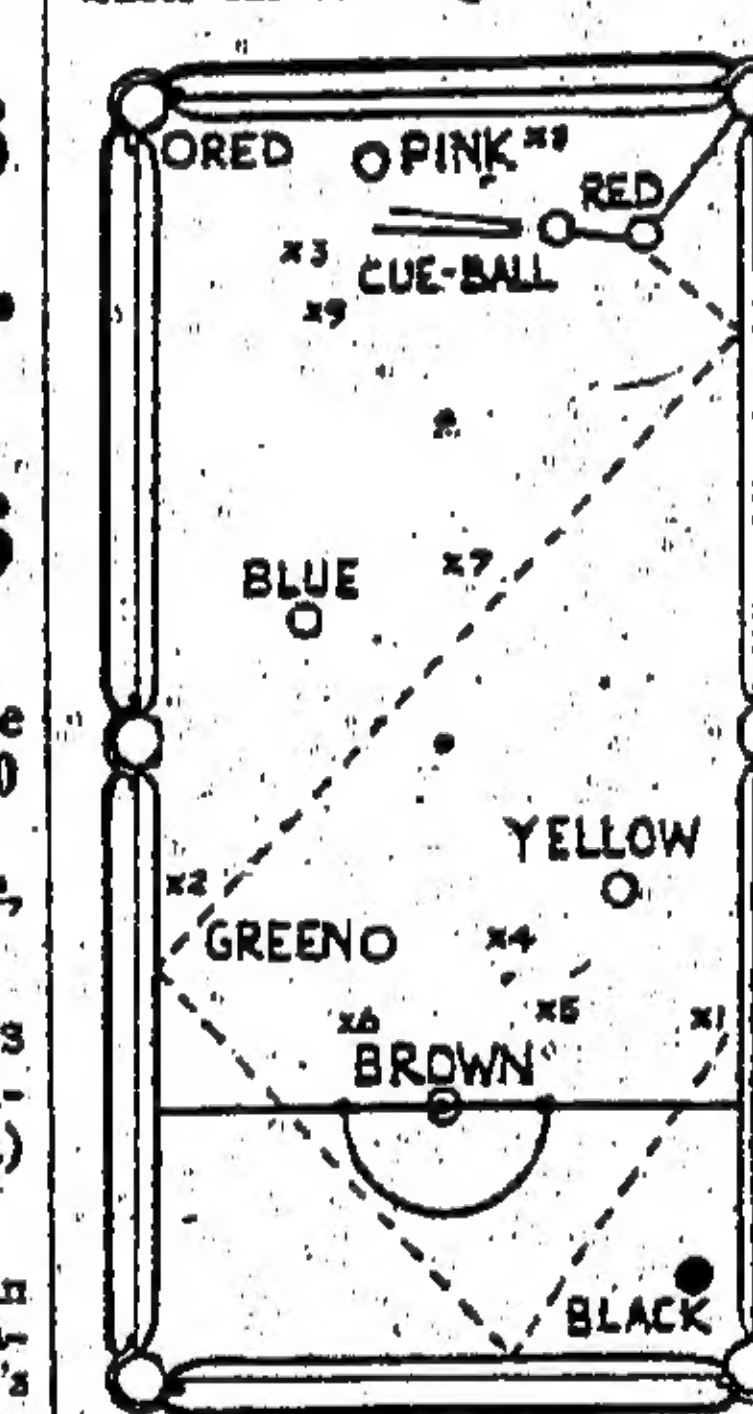


Diagram "B"

Addressing the cue-ball to the extreme right edge of centre for potting the black into the bottom right-hand corner pocket, I now brought the white ball away from the bottom cushion at a sharp angle, to hit the bottom left-hand side and finish in position for the last red, X2.

I potted the last red lying over the top left-hand corner pocket with gentle speed to leave an angle pot at X3 for the black which, of course, had now been replaced on its own spot.

Potting the black into the top right-hand corner pocket, I used running side on the white ball in order to come off the top

For potting the yellow into the middle right-hand pocket, I had to apply a little left-hand side on the cue-ball so that it came away gently from the bottom right-hand side cushion to settle at roughly X5.

Striking the white ball below centre now for potting the green into the middle left-hand pocket, I screwed into position for the brown, X6.

Again I addressed the cue-ball low—this time to pot the brown into the bottom right-hand corner pocket. The white ball screwed directly up the table into position X7 for the blue.

I used right-hand side for potting the blue into the middle left-hand pocket; the white ball came away fast from the top left-hand side cushion to pass between the pink and the black and settle at X8.

A delicate screw was now necessary for potting the pink into the top left-hand corner pocket. I struck the cue-ball low and screwed into position X9 for taking the black into the top right-hand corner pocket.

Of course this mode of play is advanced, but that is no reason why the beginner should not attempt it. I have placed this and similar positions on the table for several of my beginner pupils and together we have taken the shots one by one. In every case it has been worth trying—so don't be put off when I talk of "sides", "screws", "suns" or the "thin cut".

Cross Harbour Swim On October 2

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association held yesterday, it was decided to hold the annual cross-harbour race on Sunday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

The decision came as the Committee considered a report from the Championships Committee who also recommended that the Junior and Senior Cross Harbour Championships be held towards the end of August.

Mr A. de O. Sales, President, was in the Chair, assisted by Mr H. W. Winglee, Hon. Secretary, and Mr E. A. da Rosa, Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting approved a recommendation of the Championships Committee that there be nine events in the Men's Senior Colour Championships, eight in the Women's Senior, eight in the Men's Junior and seven in the Women's Junior.

Heats were proposed to be held on August 29 and 31, September 1 and 2, the finals on September 10, 13, 15 and 17, at the European Y.M.C.A. commencing at 8 p.m.

On the question of registration of players, it was decided after some discussion that a player who registered for a club must confine his services to that club in all the three branches.

A report from the Water Polo Committee was next considered.

The Water Polo Committee expected that six teams would compete in the Senior League and seven in the Junior League. Their recommendation that entries should close on May 15 and that the League start in the first week of June was approved.

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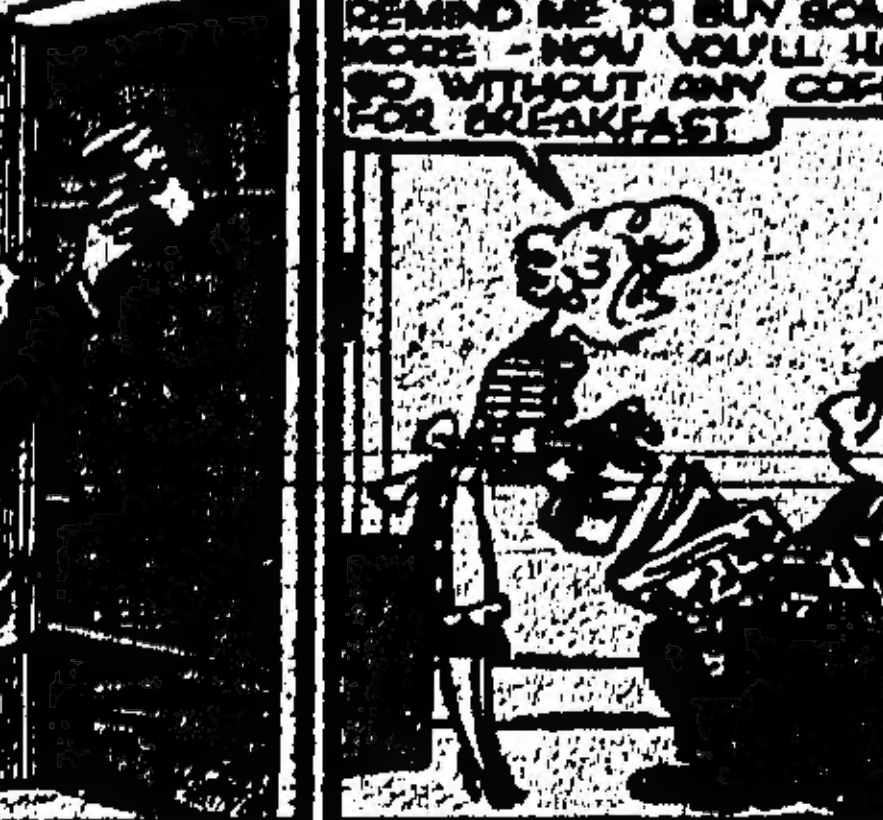
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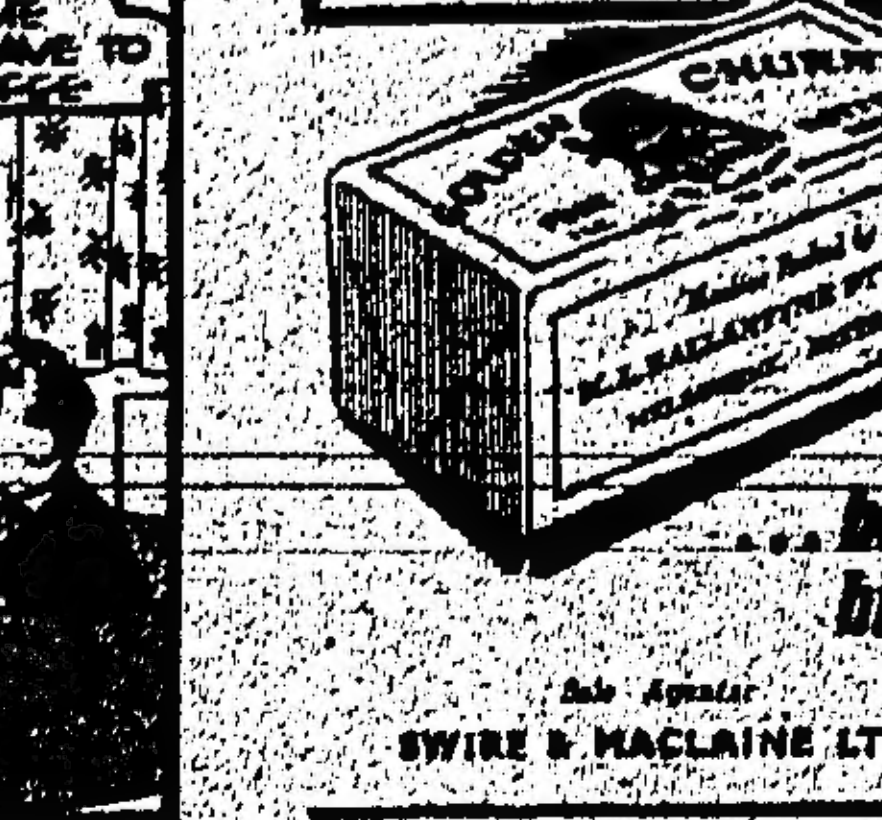
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Release Of Chinese Students Hailed NEWSPAPERS APPROVE

New York, Apr. 4.
The American decision to allow 76 Chinese students — with a knowledge of atom physics — to return to China was supported today by the New York Times as "the right thing to do."
The newspaper said that the decision might make it easier for the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, to carry out his mission to secure the release of American fliers and civilians held by China — though "no overt bargain" was made to exchange these students for the detained Americans.

Mail Notices

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The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, Saturday, and Monday, April 8, 9, 10, the public counters at G.P.O. and C.P.O. Kowloon will be open for public business from 9 a.m. to noon. The Sheungwan Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon for sale of postage stamps only and all other Branch Offices will be closed.
The private box lobbies at G.P.O. & C.P.O. Kowloon will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sheungwan from 9 a.m. to noon only. There will be one urgent delivery commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes on April 8 and 9 respectively.
There will be no delivery on Easter Monday, April 11, but there will be one collection from all pillar boxes.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

By Air
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Seychelles, from East Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia & Mozambique P/P via Beirut), 8 p.m.
Macao, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

By Air
Thailand, 11 a.m.
Formosa & Canada, 6 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway & Sweden, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
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Lockheed Building Turboprop Constellation For Trade



Lockheed Aircraft Corporation has announced it will build a turboprop version of its Super Constellation commercial transport plane which will be ready to go into airline service in the second quarter of 1957.

The projected plane, to be designated Model 1449, will have a new wing and will be powered by four Pratt and Whitney PT2 (T34) turboprop engines rated at 6,000 horsepower each. The Company claims it will be "the world's fastest long range, most economical, propeller-driven trans- port."

Lockheed's immediate plans call for the turboprop transport to be offered in a 48-tube configuration for 84 passengers, adding only one row of seats even though the cabin will be 55 inches longer than the present Super Constellation.

400 MILES PER HOUR
The plane will be capable of cruising speeds of about 400 miles per hour and will be able to carry a payload in excess of 17,000 pounds more than 4,000 miles at an altitude of 30,000 feet. Fuel costs per mile, the company says, will be 15 per cent lower than contemporary, high-powered, piston-engine planes.

The Canadian aircraft industry has made another major contribution to Western defence by the completion of more than 1,500 Avro Orenda jet engines. The manufacturers, Orenda Engines Ltd. of Malton, Ontario, had not previously built a production jet engine when the Orenda began its tests. Yet the Orenda was chosen for two standard fighters for the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Sabre and the all-weather transonic Avro CF-100; the Orenda's installation in the famous Sabre airplane im-

proved the aircraft's performance to a marked degree. Squadrons of Orenda-powered CF-100s now form a barrier to would-be aggressors stretching from coast-to-coast across Canada; next year the air defence of Western Europe will be strengthened by the re-equipment of four more Canadian fighter squadrons, which are stationed on the Continent, with CF-100s.

The production of the turbine blades alone for Orendas has been a remarkable feat. More than half a million blades have already been made, and each one requires sixty separate manufacturing processes. Output is now over the 100,000 a month mark.

WIN BIG MARKETS
Since the war, Canada's subsidiary, which has a works in Toronto, has produced a number of outstandingly successful piston-engine aircraft. The first of these, the Chipmunk, trainer, will shortly be put into production again for the Royal Canadian Air Force to replace its Harvard trainers. Almost 100,000 of a thousand Chipmunks have been built in Great Britain and Canada, many of them for the Royal Air Force.

The second D.H. Canada design, the Beaver, was designed for Canadian "bush" flying. More than 800 have been built, all of them in Canada, and the aircraft is now serving in twenty-eight countries. The manufacturers were quick to follow up the Beaver's success with a larger "bush" aircraft, the Otter, which can carry thirteen passengers. One hundred Otters had already been sold to buyers in Canada, Norway, Columbia and the Philippines when the United States Army recently placed an order for 90, worth \$4 million dollars. The total value of Chipmunk, Otter and Beaver orders already exceeds \$200,000,000.

The flexibility of the Bristol Britannia airliner design is illustrated by the Canadian Government's order for 13 Britannias for maritime reconnaissance duties and anti-submarine work. These aircraft are to be built under licence in Canada as the C-74. They are a final proof of the close co-operation between Canadian and British companies to give Canada the aircraft she needs, from trainers to jet fighters, from "bush" aircraft to huge, long-range Britannias.

"GNATS" ORDERED
The Minister of Supply's decision, announced last week, to order a development batch of the Eolland Gnat night fighter will impress many countries overseas which have been watching the Gnat's progress with keen interest.

The prototype of the Gnat, the low-powered Midge, has done much development flying in the last six months, during which it has repeatedly exceeded the speed of sound. The Midge has been landed in still air with a run of as little as 450 yards, using a tail parachute and standard brakes. It was also found that the stall begins at about 105 knots, a figure which compares favourably with the normal stalling speed of standard fighters.

The first Gnat is expected to fly this summer, with a Bristol Orpheus jet engine delivering three times the power available to the Midge.

200TH BRISTOL FREIGHTER
One of the most successful postwar British aircraft, the Bristol Freighter, has been consistently in the news lately. Two hundred have now been delivered, and about 180 of these have been exported to eighteen countries overseas.

The two-hundredth Freighter was delivered to Air Charter Ltd. for use on the Southern-Canada ferry only a day after Silver City Airways had tried out a Freighter service from Scotland to Ulster. The latter route means a saving of between four and twelve hours by comparison with surface travel.

In New Zealand, on the other side of the world, two Freighters carried on March 1 a record load of 163 tons across Cook Strait between North and South Islands.

Krupp Sells Coalmine

Bonn, Apr. 4.

The West German Government has dropped its objections to the sale of a majority interest in the Constantin de Gross coalmining company a part of the vast Krupp concern, which will take over about 80 per cent of the 37,600,000 marks (about £3,100,000) of nominal capital.

The official sale price is 105 marks (£2,135 sterling) for a one hundred marks share, but a Krupp official said Herr Alfred Krupp, sole owner of the Krupp concern and holder of 51 per cent of the Constantin shares "would get an additional premium."

The mining company, which was removed from Herr Krupp's control, though not his ownership in 1945, produces 1,200,000 tons of coal a year and employs 11,000 workers.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 8.03, BBC Band-stand—Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines cond. Captain W. Laing (BBCRS); 8.30, Five Academy Award Winning Songs—Song by Rosemary Clooney with Harry James and Ella Orchi; 8.45, Interview with Dietrich Fuchs and Norman Van Den Brink by Donaki Brooks (Recorded); 9, Sun-down Serenade; 9.30, La Demi-Heure Française—Presentation by M. Laverne; Musique religieuse; Chœurs de Solesme (Studio); 10.30, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, World News (London Relay); 11.30, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 11.45, "Garden Show" (Second Series); 12, Midway Festival Chant (BBCRS); 1.30, Forces Programme (London Relay); 2, Time Signal, Record Review presented by John Maclean (Studio); 3.30, Morning Magazine—A monthly magazine edited and introduced by Timothy Birch (Studio); 10.15, At the Ballet—The "Prodigal Son" and "Romeo and Juliet" (Prologue); 8.15, Symphony Suite from "The Prodigal Son", Op. 46—L'Orchestre des Concerts Colonne cond. George Sebastian; 9.30, Romeo and Juliet, Ballet Suite No. 2—Symphony Orchestra, cond. Serge Koussevitzky; 10.30, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio News (London Relay); 11.15, Good Night Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close down.

No Knowledge Of Jap Air Bases Report

Washington, Apr. 4.

A WHITE House spokesman said here tonight that he knew nothing about what Japanese Premier's reported declaration yesterday that Japanese air bases would not be available to the United States in the event of a war with Communist China.

A Washington newspaper carried a story to that effect yesterday. The article stated that Premier Ichiro Hatoyama had given a "cautious warning" to President Eisenhower that if war broke out over the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, Japan's air bases could not be used by the United States for fear of Communist reprisals against Japan.—France-Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

ON THE CARDS

IT was that time of day when merely to be about in the streets without apparent purpose brings policemen to their toes and fills them with doubts about people's intentions. The quiet, creeping small hours between midnight and dawn.

Along the Euston Road sat a boy whose battle-dress blouse gave him the look of a soldier, though his bearing was hardly military.

A policeman saw the boy and stepped out from the shadow of a building, suspecting an Army absentee.

"You are a soldier?" he asked. "What's your name?"

O'FLYNN

"My name's O'Flynn," the boy said. "I'm not a soldier at all."

"Got anything to prove it?"

"I got something somewhere," the boy said, and he pulled out a card.

Let's have a look," the policeman said. He went through the papers. They were insurance cards, holiday scheme cards, an income tax form, all made out in the name of O'Flynn.

"O'Flynn gave them to me last week," the boy explained. "We were in Birmingham. O'Flynn's got 'nicked' now, I hear."

"Where do you live?" the policeman asked.

The boy gave an address. "But that's the address on these cards."

ONLY IS

"WELL, it was like this," the boy began. But his story was so involved and so unlikely that the policeman arrested him for being in unlawful possession of somebody else's property.

At Clerkenwell court, the boy, whose name was Terence, was remanded in custody for more inquiries to be made about him.

When he was brought back, a policeman said to Mr. T. P. Davis, the magistrate: "This boy's parents have been to the court. They say he is only 16, not 19. He's been living with his father."

"He says now he was never in Birmingham, but was given these insurance cards and the other papers by a man he met in London."

MURPHY

"That's right," Terence said. "Man called Murphy gave them to me. I met him in a cafe, and he said to keep them for him."

"But the cards are made out for O'Flynn."

"It was Murphy gave them to me," Terence said.

"But why couldn't he look after the cards himself?"

"That's what I been trying to figure out," Terence said.

"When were you supposed to give the cards back to him?"

"Oh, he said he'd see me in the Harrow Road, which he walked up and down sometimes," Terence said.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

"WELL, this is a queer story," said the magistrate. "But I suppose it is just possible that this man Murphy took advantage of you and passed on these cards. On the other hand, we hear so much of these Jims and Murphys and Maes that we wonder if they are not phantoms figures."

"This Murphy had been sleeping out," Terence offered, to be helpful. "He was working, but drinking his money."

"That makes him all the more undesirable as a companion," said the magistrate. "At your age, particularly, you should be very careful whom you choose for your companions. A man is judged by his friends."

"Birds of a feather flock together, you know. You hitch your wagon to a star, and aim at it all the time."

"Yes, sir," said Terence.

"Case dismissed," said the magistrate, and Terence departed, and his mother and father slipped from the public gallery to await his being freed, and to plan how their son might be harnessed to the wheels of good advice he had been given.

County Elections

FURTHER LABOUR LOSSES

London, Apr. 4.

The Conservatives completed their strong ring round the London area today when county council election results were announced from Surrey and Essex. The outcome is widely believed likely to hasten a general election.

Labour lost seven of its 13 seats in Surrey, which lies to the south of the capital. Surrey has long been a Conservative stronghold.

Essex, which like Surrey and Kent, London's southeastern neighbour, polled on Saturday, robbed Labour of nine of its 31 seats—and with their control of the Council, Labour had held a slim majority in Essex since the last elections in 1952.

LOSE 10 SEATS

In Kent, Labour lost 10 of its 27 former seats. Two days before in the same round of local government polls, Labour had lost six seats in Middlesex on the western border of London.

London itself maintained its 21 years of Socialist rule but chipped Labour's majority from 55 to 22.

Essex and the West Riding of Yorkshire, the two of the four counties which Labour captured in 1952, alone of 46 which have polled so far, have changed political control.

Lancashire, the "cotton county" of the northwest, polls today. By Thursday all 62 counties of England and Wales, 12 of which gave Labour control in 1952, will have voted.

In Lancashire, Labour's majority was eight in the council of 121. —Reuter.

SIR ARTHUR IN US

New York, Apr. 4.

Sir Arthur Morse, chairman of the British Travel Association, arrived here today by the liner Queen Elizabeth to begin a five-week, coast-to-coast speaking tour as part of the "Come to Britain" campaign.

Sir Arthur said he hoped the British Isles would attract one million visitors this year, or 100,000 more than saw Britain last year.

The Queen Elizabeth made its first Westbound crossing of the Atlantic since its overhaul and reported that its new stabilisers worked perfectly when it encountered a severe 12-hour storm.

Twin Denny-Brown stabilisers were installed during the 10-week overhaul which started on January 21.

"Last night we had a real northeaster for 12 hours," said Commodore C. I. Thompson, the liner's skipper. "It gave our new anti-roll equipment a real test. Running at 30 knots, the ship kept steady." —United Press.

18 Marooned In Blizzard

New York, Apr. 4.

At least 16 persons were marooned today in a raging blizzard that dumped 31 inches of snow in the Sheridan Wyoming area and left drifts outside of town as deep as 14 feet.

Nine of the missing were oilmen, stranded in nearby oil fields, and seven were motorists, whom the authorities hoped to rescue with bulldozers and snow plough.

Eight of the oilmen were believed in the Ash Creek oil field, about 30 miles north of Sheridan. At least one other was believed in the Beaver Creek oil area, 15 miles west of town. The authorities said, however, there was adequate shelter in the fields, and they hoped to get food and supplies to them today. —United Press.

NO SPLIT SEEN

Washington, Apr. 4.

United States officials said today they saw no evidence of a split between Peking and Moscow in the purge of Kao Kang and Jao Shu-shih, in spite of the fact that the two men were known as pro-Russians. —Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"There they go north—now we'll have to wait till next winter to get back the butter and coffee they borrowed!"

DRAMATIC ARREST OF OPIUM SMOKER

Wong Chau, 52, shop foki,

of 17, Sai Yuen Lane, second floor, was fined \$550 with an alternative of 20 weeks' gaol by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for smoking opium, possession of an opium pipe, and resisting arrest.

Sub-Ins. Yeung Po-chi said that on April 3, he and Corporal 761 went to No. 6 Yuen Fook Lane to raid a divan in the back room of the second floor.

Arriving at the address, the inspector said that he ordered the corporal to stand guard at the back door of the flat while he climbed a drainpipe to the roof. As he jumped onto the roof, he saw an Alsatian dog standing guard over the skylight of the rear room. Taking out a piece of meat, he had brought for this purpose, he gave it to the animal.

Then, going to the skylight, he saw that six men were lying on a bed. Defendant was putting a pipe to a lighted lamp and smoking. Beside him were a tin and a note book. The inspector said that he then opened the skylight and jumped down into the room, shouting, "I am a Police Inspector."

He tried to take hold of defendant, but he escaped and started running towards the front door. Seeing defendant run, the others started to run too. The inspector said that he chased after defendant, who was still holding the pipe, and arrested him in the front room, just after Wong had thrown the pipe out the window. In the tin were 21 pots of opium and the note book was an account book.

Inspector Yeung cautioned defendant and took him to the Police station. Another man, Luk Shing, 71, shop foki, of 4 Francis Street, was also arrested. In court today, he pleaded guilty to smoking opium and was fined \$25 by Mr Poon.

Second defendant, after he was sentenced was called as next witness for the Prosecution. Luk said he had gone to that place to smoke opium, that defendant was also smoking. When defendant ran away, he was holding a pipe.

As the second witness said, defendant changed his plea of not guilty to smoking and possession of an opium pipe, to guilty.

After the evidence of the Police Inspector, defendant told the Magistrate that he was ill with tuberculosis and could not bear to stand up any longer. Mr Poon then adjourned the court for ten minutes and ordered Wong to be taken to the doctor at Central Police Station. The doctor's certificate came back saying that defendant was fit to stand trial.

In his statement from the dock, defendant admitted smoking and possession of a pipe, but denied the other two charges.

Ching Ming Festival Is Observed

Nearly 15,000 people made their way out to the New Territories by train and bus this morning to visit the graves of their ancestors in observance of Ching Ming.

Mr I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, said that well over 10,000 caught trains out to NT cemeteries since 7.30 a.m. This was a distinct increase over the number last year, he added.

The train schedule was increased by 22 runs, half up and half down, and the branch line at Wo Hop Shek (between Fanling and Tai Po Market) was thrown open for the day.

Queuing at the station started before 8 a.m. and the crowds stretched out to Nathan Road and back in a giant "U" at the height of the rush hour.

Hundreds of families, from grandfathers down to babies-in-arms, turned along Salisbury Road for hours before they could be accommodated on trains.

The Kowloon Bus Company was also hard pressed, but managed to cope with the crowds fairly satisfactorily by putting on 14 additional buses an hour on the NT run.

An estimated 4,000 people went out on buses this morning, according to the company's traffic department.

Kikuyu Clash With Mau Mau

Nairobi, Apr. 4.

A patrol of eight Kikuyu guards commanded by District Officer Peter Nicholas are believed to have killed 13 Mau Mau gangsters, wounded two more and captured 15 firearms and ammunition early yesterday, police here said today.

The guards were operating in the Ndiya area, 25 miles north of Nairobi, when they found 27 gangsters in a hideout. Although outnumbered the patrol attacked and captured the Mau Mau camp.

District Officer Nicholas sent three of his men for help and stayed with the other five—two of them wounded—in the hideout, where they drove off a strong counter-attack by the gangsters.

After nearly five hours of battle the patrol counted nine dead and three wounded. They tried unsuccessfully to follow the blood trail left by two they had wounded. —China Mail Special.

Marshall Seeks Coalition

Singapore, Apr. 5.

Mr David Marshall, leader of the Labour front, said today that he was negotiating with the United Malay National Organisation-Malayan Chinese Association Alliance to form a coalition government.

Mr Marshall's statement came after a private meeting lasting until the early hours of today between the Labour front executives and the alliance. —Reuter.

FULL COURT QUASHES COMPENSATION AWARD

An order of certiorari to quash an award made by a Board of Arbitrators on May 21, 1954, in respect of the resumption of certain lots of Crown land in the New Territories was made by the Full Court this morning.

The compensation awarded by the Board was accordingly quashed. The grounds for the application for the order of certiorari were that the award, which was for the buildings erected on the lots, amounting to approximately \$58,500, was in excess of jurisdiction and had in law under reasons given by the Board in support of it.

The Board of Arbitrators comprised an Australian Consul (District Officer, South China Sea), Mr F. Shanks (member nominated by the Governor) and Mr Lau Shing-ki (member nominated by the Chairman).

Mr Justice T. J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice) and Mr J. R. Gregg (Puisne Judge) comprised the Full Court.

The application for the order was made by Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, on behalf of the Attorney-General.

Mr Li informed the Court that all the members of the Board of Arbitrators had been served as well as all interested parties, namely, the owners of the buildings erected upon the various lots under review.

LAND RESUMED

Outlining the case for the Crown, Mr Li said that under the Crown Land Resumption Ordinance, Cap. 124, the Government on August 1, 1953, resumed certain lots of land in Survey District 4, known as the Kowloon Valley, which included the land mentioned in the application.

All the lands were granted by virtue of Crown Lease. The Board of Arbitrators was appointed under the same Ordinance in December, 1953, to determine the amount of compensation.

Mr Li said that such award made was shown in the decision of the Board, dated May 21, 1954.

In this determination certain awards were made in respect of buildings erected upon agricultural or garden grounds for which the Board gave their reasons. It was in respect of these compensations relating to the buildings that the Crown was now making the application.

Mr Li said that there was an affidavit in reply filed by the members of the Board yesterday which purported to emphasize and justify the award. In his submission there could be no justification whatsoever, Mr Li said.

THREE PROPOSITIONS
In order to succeed in his application there were three propositions of law to be overcome, Crown Counsel said. They were:

1.—Assuming compensation in respect of these buildings in the present case the Board of Arbitrators were exceeding their jurisdiction or alternatively were wrong in law.

2.—An error in law or wrongful decision appeared on the face of the record.

3.—Assuming Nos. 1 and 2 were right, an order of certiorari lay against the Board of Arbitrators.

Mr Li submitted that the Board was a statutory body and the basis of its creation was by the Ordinance. It derived its powers and exercised its duties in pursuance of that Ordinance. As such, the Board, he submitted, must act within the principles of the Ordinance.

Crown Counsel referred to the powers of the Board under section 10 of the Ordinance. He said that the Board was to give certain principles upon which the Board must act.

Mr Li said that Section 12 (b) was the section upon which the Crown was relying. The section stated "that no compensation shall be given in respect of any use of the land which is not in accordance with the terms of the Crown lease under which the land is held."

It was a clear limitation of the Board's powers, he submitted.

He further submitted that if any person erected any building, without a licence or without approval, on agricultural ground, he was putting the land into use inconsistent or not in accordance with the terms of the Crown lease under which the land was held.

He said that the second covenant stated that if a person put up any structure he must get the Crown's approval, and if no approval was sought it was virtually a use not in accordance with the terms of the lease.

Mr Li recited the decision of the Board's finding. He said he was not attacking the award of 80 cents per square foot for agricultural land that had been illegally used and 95 cents per square foot for agricultural land that had been properly used. He was challenging the com-

penation awarded for buildings on the lots in question, and Mr Li then gave the figures in respect of the buildings.

Crown Counsel next dealt with the affidavits of the Board, justifying their awards. He said it would seem from paragraph 4 of the affidavit and paragraph 14 of the decision that the Board was relying on the ground of the Crown's acquiescence in granting the compensation.

He said that in paragraph 14 the Board was charging negligence on the part of the Crown. He submitted that unless such negligence was wilful it could not constitute notice and without notice there could not be an acquiescence at all.

STATUTORY BODY

Continuing, Crown Counsel said that if the Court was satisfied as to his first proposition, he would not proceed with his second. The Court indicated that it was not necessary for Mr Li to proceed on the second proposition.

On his third point, Mr Li said that the Board of Arbitrators, as he had said earlier, was a statutory body, in that the whole basis of their being was founded on an Ordinance. Their powers and duties were laid out in the Ordinance and they must act according to its provisions in giving awards.

Two men who started a free-for-all in the Paramount Ballroom on the night of March 29, admitted before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court this morning two charges of disorderly conduct and causing malicious damage to ballroom property.

In the fight a dancing hostess had her eyes blackened, the manager lost a tooth and a floor-boy sustained a minor cut on the face from flying tumblers.

The two defendants themselves received minor injuries and one of them came before Court with blood stains on his shirt.

The first of the two men, Pau Ching-chung, 40, a photo-supply dealer of 62 Kimberley Road, first floor, had two previous convictions for disorderly conduct. On the current charges he was sentenced to two months without the option for fighting, fined \$100 or 30 days for malicious damage and sentenced to pay \$121 which was half the total damage caused, failing which he was to serve another month. For breach of a bond binding him to keep the peace, he was additionally fined \$200 or six weeks.

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Prosecuting, Inspector Lister said during the fight the first defendant "knocked" the manager of the ballroom to the floor and then kicked him knocking out one of his teeth.

Miss Fong Wai-lai, the dancing hostess, sustained facial injuries which prevented her from working for about 20 days, and caused her a loss of income amounting to about \$700.

Besides the damage caused to the ballroom, the two defendants had incurred a bill of \$114 for services supplied.

Cosmetics And Champagne

Cosmetics and champagne—the two things Paris could not do without—are the main interests of the Comtesse de Mezaubran, who is on a pleasure tour of the Far East.

The Comtesse de Mezaubran is the owner of a well known cosmetic firm in Paris which she started herself, giving treatments with her own preparations for two years. The work proved too much for her alone, and she had to engage a number of girls, which she specially trained. For the last five years she has only prepared the cosmetics herself and left the treatments to her trained girls.

Although most of this work is done in Paris the Comtesse de Mezaubran also has a house in New York. "I live between Paris and New York," she said.

Her latest preparation is a plastic mask which will take away all the wrinkles.

This is the Comtesse de Mezaubran's second world tour. Last year she charted a plane and toured eastward with 150 bottles of champagne in the cockpit—she also owns a champagne business. The champagne is sold under her name, and the reason for her tour was to promote sales.

Hotels are another of her sidelines, and she has an interest in four large Paris hotels, including the Crillon. At the end of her tour she hopes to return to New York for a few weeks to help her skin to "pick up" as the climate there is so good.

Ballroom Fracas: 2 Sentenced

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Fine Dress Rehearsal

The KCC Players gave a splendid performance of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" at the dress rehearsal last night, indicating this is going to be one of the most enjoyable shows presented by a local amateur theatrical group for some time.

"Hay Fever" goes before the public at the Kowloon Cricket Club tonight at 8.30, and again tomorrow night.

The complete cast comprises Jack Ingall, Benita Remedios, Micky Chamberlain, Pat Lillywhite, Bobbie Roberts, David Coffey, Geraldine Heron, Tony Zilman, and Andrea Remedios.

Jim Hui is responsible for the clever production.

A critique of "Hay Fever" will appear in tomorrow's China Mail.

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

Sir—I am glad to see that you, or rather your correspondents, are taking up the subject of Police. Fire-prevention, Drainage, &c., and consider the suggestions regarding the Assessors an excellent one, calculated greatly to benefit the colony.

As you were like the Police Superintendent, freed from the responsibility imposed upon them by government, their own duties naturally would be more efficiently performed, seeing they would then have nothing to distract their attention. But in relieving the heads of the police force from the burden of assessment, I would impose upon them a greater, more onerous duty.

Chinese dealers—who at least as great an extent as in England, adulterate their wares. I would also expect from them an examination and supervision of Weights and Measures—a duty at present I believe entirely neglected. Though the necessity is apparent to every resident in the colony. Now this ought not to be, nor will be longer permitted. I feel assured, with the attention of the Colonial Secretary is drawn to it. The subject is one of great importance during the present scarcity and consequent high prices of provisions.

—I am, Sir, yours obediently, C.

WHO SHOULD PAY?

We learn that government had received and accepted tenders from the Superintendent of the P. & O. Co. for the conveyance of Chinese Convicts to Fanning in the Phoenix, and that every preparation was made on board—groceries and water laid in, and a cook hired for them; but though the steamer waited half-an-hour yesterday beyond her proper time no Convicts made their appearance, and she started without them.

Upon whom, in such a case, should the loss fall—not only of the expense incurred by the P. & O. Co., but for the maintenance here of the twenty-eight convicts until some other opportunity offers for their transportation? Surely not upon the colony, but upon the P. & O. Co., who, after all, are performing their duty should be made answerable—if there were any one to make them for expenses incurred entirely through their indolence or indifference.

PRE-PAY PLEASE!

We received by the last mail a pamphlet, of ten closely printed pages, bearing the Address to Christians throughout the World, from the Priests Protection Society, enclosed in what appears to be a lithographed circular from the Rev. Thomas Scott, who grandly begs the insertion of it in our paper, or New Year's Day, or at soon after as possible.

As the enclosure left London nearly a week after New Year's Day, of course it is impossible to comply with the precise direction of the Rev. Thomas Scott, of whom we in turn beg, that when he next distributes his treasured to newspapers abroad, he kindly pay the postage, and not trouble himself to send duplicates, as he has done to us on the present occasion. One copy is quite enough, and as it is not certain we shall have made our way through it, before next New Year, the Wirth Address may be pretermitted.

OPPORTUNITY... MISSED

As was to be expected, Admiral Durning, having failed to take advantage of the opportunity of examining the bodies of pirates while collected in a body at and near Whampoa, how could he do so in detail? The entrances to this harbour, both east and west have been lately infested by detached fleets, and the passage and trading-boats, which left this on Friday, were compelled to put back, while one or more torpedoes, with provisions for vessels here loading with emigrants, have been captured, as has also a large trader with a cargo of market-stuffs, some of her crew being killed and others wounded—the Hornet and Blenheim, with boats from the Winchester, Sydney and St. David, were despatched on Friday evening. On Monday, the Hornet, with five boats in tow, returned, and was reported to have destroyed a large number of those who got on shore, the majority are stated to have been killed, and killed very miserably, but of ten who escaped in a sampans, four have since been captured, and the remainder returned to the harbour yesterday.

It appears, however, that the Blenheim first sighted and killed two men, and that the Sydney, possibly in consequence of the Chinese not having understood the signal to leave.